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Stepfather's conviction leaves family feeling isolated

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany — It's what Navajos call a "third eye" that first alerted Amber Holcomb that something was wrong on a cold November night one year ago.

"It was an instinct," Holcomb recalled. "Something just didn't feel right."

Eight weeks pregnant, she awoke to use the bathroom in her tidy military apartment in Bitburg, Germany. There, she discovered soiled baby wipes stuffed into the bathroom trash can.

Then she found her 14-year-old daughter lying awkwardly on her bed, sprawled half-way off the mattress.

Holcomb tapped her on the shoulder.

"What's going on?" she asked.

"Zhe'e told me to go to the restroom," the girl replied, using the Navajo word for father.

"Why?" Holcomb asked.

"He tried to put his thing in me," she answered softly. "He did other things, too."

Six months later, in a military courtroom in Spangdahlem, Air Force Staff Sgt. Justin Holcomb, 26, the teenager's stepfather, pleaded guilty to forcible sodomy with a child, abuse and sexual contact with a child and attempted aggravated sexual assault of a child.

The one-time Cub Scout leader was sentenced to five years in prison, a dishonorable discharge and reduction in rank to airman basic. He is serving his sentence in a Navy-run prison in San Diego.

Amber Holcomb — her name is a pseudonym to protect the identity of the victim — and her five children soon lost their once-secure life on the air base and now face an uncertain future back in the States, where the family is surviving on food stamps and whatever Holcomb, 33, can make by periodically selling her blood. She is seeking a divorce and full custody of the children.

The tragic story might have ended there, the grimly familiar disintegration of yet another family torn apart by a stepfather's molestation of a child.

But Justin Holcomb's crimes did more than destroy his own family. They sharply divided the couple's friends in the tightly knit Air Force community in Spangdahlem and laid bare cultural and religious fault lines that few acknowledge even today.

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Once again, U.S. dealing with Karzai

BY LEO SHANE III
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The cancellation of Afghanistan's runoff election likely won't make things worse for President Barack Obama as he searches for a path ahead in that country, experts said Monday. But that's not really good news.

"This is just more evidence of how disastrous things have been there," said Caroline Wadhams, a policy analyst at the Center for American Progress, a liberal think tank with close ties to the Obama administration. "Whether or not this election took place, the Obama administration was going to be in an impossible state."

On Sunday, Afghan presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah withdrew from the Saturday runoff election, effectively handing a victory to president Hamid Karzai. Abdullah questioned whether the second election would be fair, after no substantial procedure changes were made following the fraud-ridden summer elections.

In a statement Monday, U.S. Embassy officials congratulated Karzai on "his victory in this historic election." House Armed Services Committee Chairman Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., was more blunt in his assessment, calling the election "deeply flawed and filled with uncertainty" but adding that "we now have an outcome and can begin to move forward."

SEE KARZAI ON PAGE 4

Afghan President Hamid Karzai prepares to meet with U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the presidential palace in Kabul on Monday. Afghanistan's election commission canceled Saturday's runoff and proclaimed Karzai the victor of the election.

AHMAD MASOOD/AP

Box office haunts



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takes helm from
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If health care is a benefit that is worth having, then it's worth paying for. This gives the impression that it's only worth having if someone else pays for it."

— William Gale, adviser to former President George H.W. Bush's Council of Economic Advisers, on taxing the wealthy in order to pay for a government health plan

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Investigators seek cause of midair crash

SAN DIEGO — Investigators are meeting to look into the cause of a crash between a Coast Guard plane and a Marine helicopter that killed nine people off the Southern California coast.

The search for bodies and wreckage continues.

Coast Guard Lt. Josh Nelson says searchers will also try to lo-

cate the aircraft black box recorders. He said he wouldn't speculate on the chances of recovering anything in an area where the water is more than 2,000 feet deep.

Yokosuka MWR to host bike ride

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The base's Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host the Turkey Sandwich Bike Ride on Sunday. The two-hour ride will

kick off at 7 a.m. at the Purdy Fitness Center. It will offer three different experience levels, with no rider being left behind.

Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided after the event. For more information, call DSN 241-4486.

Yokosuka to host Turkey Trot 5K

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The Captain's Cup Tur-

key Trot 5-kilometer run will be held Nov. 20 at 11:30 a.m. next to Yokosuka's Purdy Fitness Center.

The first person to catch the runner dressed like a turkey wins a free turkey.

Free T-shirts will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call DSN 241-4486.

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Amber Holcomb burns sage and spreads the smoke with a hawk feather — a Navajo ritual to ward off evil spirits — inside her military apartment on Bitburg Annex, Germany, earlier this year.

Family: Wife attempts to move on after conviction

FAMILY, FROM PAGE 1

Soon after his arrest, Justin Holcomb professed a religious awakening in the Christian faith. Local evangelical groups promptly embraced him, welcoming him into their religious communities, filling the benches behind him at his trial and hugging him and praying with him during courtroom breaks. One group's newsletter called him "a growing godly man," never mentioning the sex crimes to which he'd confessed.

Meanwhile, Amber Holcomb and her children, who followed Navajo traditions, felt abandoned and shunned. Old friends of both her and her husband stopped calling and wouldn't say hello when passing on the street.

"Attitudes totally changed," Amber Holcomb said. "They acted like they didn't know me."

Justin Holcomb "clung to his Christian faith and he was embraced," said Air Force spouse Jessica Murphy, a former neighbor of the Holcombs at Bitburg. "When they disregarded the other person who's been victimized, it put a really bad taste in [Amber's] mouth for Christianity, which was sort of new to her. She has a lot of reasons to feel angry at God."

Her husband had turned to God before during rough patches in their marriage, Amber Holcomb said, promising to be "a better Christian." After past transgressions, he would start reading the Bible and bring the family to church. But the pious lifestyle wouldn't last, Holcomb said.

"He had people fooled," she said.

Authentic conversion?

For his part, Justin Holcomb insists his religious devotion is authentic.

"Unfortunately, I can never change what has happened," he wrote from prison when asked by Stars and Stripes for comment for this story. "But my faith remains in the LORD that by His mercy and grace He will heal the wounds for my family."

Those who supported Justin Holcomb also believed his proclamations of faith to be genuine.

While the military prepared its criminal case against him, he found a second family in church. On Sunday mornings, he handed out bulletins during Protestant worship at the base chapel, and he joined off-base Bible studies several times a week.

In the July newsletter of The Navigators, a local ministry in Spangdahlem run

by Larry and Patricia Hutson, Justin Holcomb was described as a "growing godly man ... a new believer, though he went to church while growing up."

The newsletter passage continued: "There is an authenticity in the way we all could see God really working in Justin."

Yet, while the newsletter mentioned that Justin Holcomb was living apart from his wife and children — he had been moved to a base dormitory after his arrest — it called the separation "more of a mystery than a concern."

Larry Hutson declined to answer questions posed by Stars and Stripes about the Holcomb case.

Justin Holcomb also attended weekly Bible studies at The Hangar, an off-base hospitality house affiliated with the Cadence International

ministry, an evangelical mission agency dedicated to reaching out to military communities worldwide, according to the ministry's Web site.

The Spangdahlem chapter is led by Roger and Sheila Nielson, who sat behind Justin Holcomb during his court-martial in May. The Nielsens also declined to talk with Stars and Stripes about the case.

Murphy, a Christian, acknowledged that forgiveness and acceptance are supposed to be hallmarks of the Christian faith. But she said she's disappointed the local Christian organizations appeared to take sides and failed to reach out to Amber Holcomb.

"I never saw them come up to her [and ask] 'How are you doing?'" Murphy said. "I did see them praying with him, hugging him, encouraging him."

Respect for privacy

Amber Holcomb, a former airman herself, did have a small circle of supporters before the trial. Members of her husband's squadron dropped off a turkey at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The squadron commander loaned her a vehicle and looked after the family dog. A coach at her daughter's military school in Bitburg pitched in for traveling expenses to a regional sports tournament. The base also assigned a victim advocate to the family.

Amber Holcomb acknowledged that she didn't reach out to the evangelical groups.

But when she turned to the church, seeking help from the base chapel, she said she found no solace.

Her two eldest boys, then ages 13 and 10, were having trouble coping with their stepfather's crimes, and his absence.

"We were lost. We didn't know much about the Bible," Amber Holcomb said. She thought talking to a chaplain might help her sons.

"One chaplain, he just got me upset," said her oldest son, recalling how the chaplain kept asking him questions about his father. "'Do you still like him?' 'Do you want to move back with him?'"

Amber Holcomb didn't send the boys back. And the chapel didn't follow up with the family, she said.

For privacy reasons, military chaplains can't discuss what services they may or may not provide to individuals, said Maj. Gerald Snyder, the former 52nd Fighter Wing interim head chaplain. In cases where an alleged perpetrator and victim do seek help, they meet with separate chaplains, "maintaining strict confidentiality and safety for all parties," Snyder said.

But while chaplains counsel those who seek it, Snyder said, they don't typically make unsolicited house calls.

"You respect their individual freedom and privacy," Snyder said. "If you have a problem at home, you don't expect someone to call you up and offer to help you. We continually put out the message that we're available."

There was a perception among some who knew the family that Amber Holcomb didn't want help.

Master Sgt. Stephen Thiessen, 36, a weapons section flight chief with the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Spangdahlem and Amber Holcomb's former supervisor at a prior assignment at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona, said he and his wife tried to support both Amber Holcomb and her husband and were eventually rebuffed by Amber Holcomb.

"She thought if you were trying to support Justin, you weren't supporting her," he said. "I don't think she was open to the help."

A wife's struggle

During Justin Holcomb's trial last May, his wife sat with her shoulders squared, her gaze expressionless and fixed straight ahead.

In her traditional Navajo turquoise dress, leggings and moccasins, she stood out in a courtroom filled with uniformed servicemembers and civilians. Her long black hair was pulled tightly in a bun. Laid across her lap was her grandmother's Navajo blanket.

She was unmoved when Justin Holcomb broke down sobbing while addressing the court.

"I let one weak moment in my life turn into the biggest mistake of my life," he testified, his voice cracking as he read from a six-page unsworn statement. At times he addressed his children directly.

"Why? I've asked myself that question over and over again. Why would I risk losing all of you ... my parental rights, to watch you grow up, to play games with you outside ...? Truthfully, I don't know why."

In addition to admitting to attempting to have intercourse with his stepdaughter in the bathroom, Justin Holcomb also confessed to fondling her under her T-shirt while she slept next to him during an overnight bus trip to Paris in November 2008.

In late July, former 3rd Air Force Commander Lt. Gen. Philip Breedlove, the convening authority for Justin Holcomb's court-martial, granted him two months of clemency off of his five-year prison sentence. Breedlove also approved a waiver that authorizes Amber Holcomb to receive her husband's E-1 pay and allowances for six months.

But starting over with five kids in a troubled economy stateside has been daunting, Amber Holcomb said, and the family is struggling financially. She's in school full time, using student loans at a local college to study to become a dental assistant.

She had hoped to end all contact with Justin Holcomb.

But when he sent a few letters to the family's former address at a military post office at Bitburg, the letters were forwarded to her, she said.

Amber Holcomb read the letters.

"He had the nerve to ask for a picture of me," she said.

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Karzai: U.S. must deal with weak government

KARZAI, FROM PAGE 1

Abdullah still may join forces with Karzai in a coalition government — U.S. officials have been privately pushing for such an arrangement — but outside analysts say regardless of the result, the tainted elections leave the Afghan government as a weak, questionable partner for international counterterrorism efforts.

"This is the only government we have to work with, so it's the best we have to work with," said retired Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, senior adviser at the National Security Network.

"We need a viable partner, and it doesn't appear there are other options."

Still, White House officials seem content with that limited success for now.

Karzai's decision to agree to a runoff following the disputed summer elections showed he was open to reform — last month, Obama publicly hailed Karzai's decision as "an important step forward in ensuring a credible process" and a critical moment in Afghanistan's democratic development.

"We got most of what we needed with Karzai agreeing to respect the process," according to Brookings Institution senior fellow Michael O'Hanlon.

And U.S. officials have already begun a new focus on direct work with provincial and tribal leaders as a way to counter weaknesses in the central government.

Eaton said that approach could lessen some of the lingering concerns about the election, as local officials take a large role in the counterinsurgency effort.

But critics say that won't be enough.

Jorrit Kammenga, director of policy research at the International Council on Security and Development, said many voters inside Afghanistan saw the second election as a way to rally the public around a legitimate central government.

"Now it's even worse," he said.

A smart president would still see that Abdullah Abdullah still has 30 percent of the voters behind him, and find a way to include him in a coalition government. That could help them avoid ethnic tensions. But we still don't know."

And Wadhams points out that even a coalition government comes with potential in-fighting and power-sharing problems, although she still sees that as the best alternative available.

"The U.S. and NATO still have to figure out what to do," she said, "and adding more troops isn't going to solve this problem."

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FRAIDON POOYAA/AP

A supporter of Afghan President Hamid Karzai dances on Monday as people celebrate Karzai's victory in Herat, Afghanistan. Afghanistan's election commission has canceled Saturday's presidential runoff and proclaimed President Hamid Karzai victor.

U.N., U.S. congratulate Karzai

By DIANNA CAHN
Stars and Stripes

KABUL — Afghanistan's election commission on Monday declared President Hamid Karzai the winner of tainted presidential elections and canceled a runoff after his main rival withdrew from the race.

The announcement ended months of uncertainty in the war-torn country following Aug. 20 presidential elections that were called into question over reports of widespread vote-rigging and fraud.

But it also raised questions about the legitimacy of a president who had been forced into a runoff after hundreds of thousands of votes in his favor were declared invalid and who would enter a second term in office without a full majority of the vote.

Rival candidate Abdullah Abdullah withdrew on Sunday, saying he was convinced that the same problems that marred the first round of voting would prevent fair elections on Saturday.

Azzizullah Loden, chairman of the Independent Elections Commission, said at a news conference that the commission determined that with only one candidate remaining, the Afghan constitution did not require a second round of voting.

"According to the constitution of Afghanistan, if in the first round, nobody gets 50 percent, the elections should go to a second round," Loden told reporters. "The second round ... should be conducted between two candidates. If only one is willing to participate, the elections should be decided by the Independent Elections Commission."

Loden said the commission also took into account the threat of violence that surrounded the vote. Taliban insurgents launched a number of bombings and attacks ahead of the Aug. 20 vote, and claimed responsibility for a suicide attack on a United Nations compound last week that left eight civilians and three attackers dead.

Abdullah had wanted the elections commission, which counted the ballots, and several cabinet ministers replaced ahead of the runoff because he said they were heavily biased in favor of Karzai.

Asked whether they were concerned about how their decision declaring Karzai winner might be perceived, commission members insisted that they acted in good faith.

"I am not satisfied by the way the elections were received by the Afghan people," said election commission member Zekria Barekzai. "The system is not flawed, but the implementation of elections in the middle of a war is a huge challenge."

International leaders responded almost immediately with congratulatory messages that hinted at relief.

In recent months U.S. and coalition forces have been battling an intensifying insurgency and the violent toll on soldier's lives had withered public support for the war in the United States. President Barack Obama has delayed a decision on whether to answer the request of his top general in Afghanistan for tens of thousands of additional troops until the political situation in Kabul was resolved.

U.S. leaders had shunned Karzai in recent months for being corrupt and pressured the Afghan leader to accept the runoff when evidence of massive voter fraud became clear.

But U.S. and United Nations leaders appeared to rally around Karzai following Abdullah's announcement, and called for time for Karzai to strengthen the rule of law.

"We congratulate President Karzai on his victory in this historic election and look forward to working with him, his new Administration, the Afghan people and our partners in the international community to support Afghanistan's progress towards institutional reforms, security and prosperity," said a statement from the U.S. Embassy in Kabul. "We also congratulate Dr. Abdul-

lah and all the other candidates for their efforts to strengthen Afghanistan's democratic future."

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon flew to Kabul on Monday in the wake of the attack last week on the U.N. compound and met with both candidates following Abdullah's withdrawal. He said he came to show his solidarity with both U.N. staff and the Afghan people and vowed that U.N. efforts in Afghanistan would not be deterred.

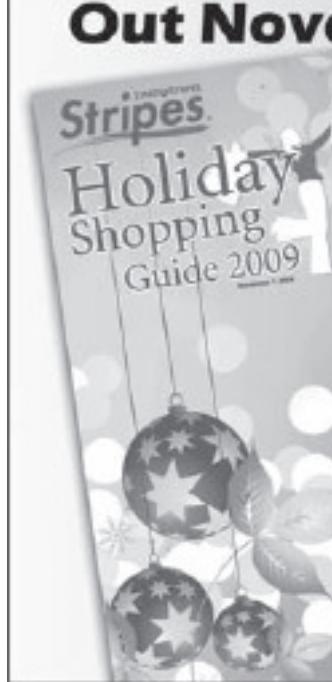
He also issued a statement welcoming the IEC's decision to

forego a runoff and congratulated Karzai.

"This has been a difficult election process for Afghanistan and lessons must be learned," Ban said. "Afghanistan now faces significant challenges and the new president must move swiftly to form a government that is able to command the support of both the Afghan people and the international community."

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Total transformation

Vessel built with steel from 9/11 wreckage makes NYC port call

By DEEPTI HAJELA
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The new Navy assault ship USS New York, built with World Trade Center steel, arrived in its namesake city Monday with a 21-gun salute near the site of the 2001 terrorist attack.

The bow of the \$1 billion ship, built in Louisiana, contains about 7.5 tons of steel from the fallen towers.

"It's a transformation ... from something really twisted and ugly," said Rosaleen Tallon, who lost her firefighter brother, Sean, on 9/11. "I'm proud that our military is using that steel."

JoAnn Atlas, who lost her husband, fire Lt. Gregg Atlas, draped a flag-themed banner along the fence. The names of emergency workers who died were written on the red stripes.

"We have to remember. It's a way to honor them," she said.

Observer Nancy DiGiacomo felt compelled to watch the ship arrive. "I just thought it was im-

portant to see. ... From that, something else can come of it."

Lt. Cmdr. Colette Murphy, a Navy spokeswoman, said she was excited for those serving on board to see the city's "awe-inspiring" welcome.

At at Pier 88, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the USS New York couldn't have a more fitting name, representing freedom, courage and resilience.

"This ship is actually a physical representation of that spirit with steel from the World Trade Center built into its bow so every friend that sets foot on it and every foe that dares challenge it will feel its power

and know that it is literally made from the heart and soul of the city that has scarified so much," the mayor said.

Rosaleen Tallon,
Sister of firefighter who
died on 9/11

ship, around 13 percent are from New York state, which is higher than would normally be the case, Murphy said. There were many requests from Navy personnel to serve on the ship.

After the ground zero stop, the ship — escorted by about two dozen tugboats and other vessels — headed up the Hudson River toward the George Washington Bridge. After a U-turn there, it headed south to Pier 88. An official commissioning ceremony is scheduled for Saturday.

The New York will remain in the city through Veterans Day and then head to Norfolk, Va., for about a year of crew training and exercises, Murphy said.

The ship is 684 feet long and can carry as many as 800 Marines. Its flight deck can handle helicopters and the MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft.



RUTH FREMSON, THE NEW YORK TIMES/AP

SETH WENIG/AP

Above: The USS New York, built with World Trade Center steel, passes the Statue of Liberty on Monday. The bow of the \$1 billion ship, built in Louisiana, contains about 7.5 tons of steel from the fallen towers.

The Right: NYC first responders along with families of Sept. 11 victims and the public watch as the new U.S. Navy assault ship arrived for a port visit to the city.

'Men of the noblest heart and the greatest courage'

Texas WWII vets reunite with Japanese-American rescuers

By JUAN A. LOZANO
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Even though it was 65 years ago, Al Tortolano clearly recalls the one thought that ran through his mind as his unit was surrounded by German troops during World War II.

"About the only thing you could think of was family. Will I ever see my family again?" remembered Tortolano, 88, part of what was dubbed the "Lost Battalion."

It was October 1944 and Tortolano was part of the 1st Battalion, 141st Regiment, 36th Infantry Division — a Texas military unit surrounded by enemy fighters in France's Vosges Mountains.

The prayers of Tortolano and others in the 1st Battalion were answered by the Army's 442nd Regimental Combat Team, a unit made up almost entirely of Japanese-Americans. The 442nd broke through the German ranks and suffered 814 casualties as

it rescued 217 men.

"I still can't thank my fellow veterans enough for what they did," said Tortolano, who was among 40 members from both units who gathered Sunday in Houston, marking the 65th anniversary of the rescue.

Jimmie Kanaya, 89, a veteran of the 442nd, said there is a permanent bond of brotherhood between the men of both units. "We feel like we are part of each other. We became one," he said.

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the veterans of the 442nd are



"men of the noblest heart and the greatest courage."

The 442nd became the most decorated unit in U.S. military history, he said.

"Their courage, valor, dedication are values we hold dear as a country — and to do this in what

clearly was one of our darkest hours," Mullen said, referencing that many of the 442nd's members had families who were held in internment camps by the U.S. government while they served in the military.

"We had to prove we were loyal

Ret. Sgt. Jack Wilson, 85, of Rockport, Ind., center, and other World War II veterans from the Texas' 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, and the Army's Japanese-American 442nd Regimental Combat Team sit together Sunday during an event in Houston marking the 65th anniversary of the battle where the 442nd rescued the 141st from German soldiers in northern France.

PHOTOS BY SHARON STEINMANN/AP

Americans," Kanaya said, noting that men who wore the same uniform he did were guarding his parents and sister at an internment camp in Idaho.

"We were caught between a rock and a hard place. We just had to give it our all."



BULLIT MARQUEZ/AP

Residents use small boats to get to dry areas following flooding brought about by Typhoon Mirinae on Saturday in Santa Cruz, Philippines. Mirinae made landfall in Vietnam on Monday afternoon, toppling trees and utility poles. No deaths were reported, but the national weather forecast center warned of possible flash floods and landslides in mountainous districts.

Tropical storm slams into Vietnam

Downgraded Mirinae causes blackouts, evacuations in coastal areas

The Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — Tropical Storm Mirinae slammed into Vietnam's central coast Monday, unleashing heavy rains and winds and forcing more than 80,000 people to evacuate before losing steam as it moved inland.

The storm brought winds of 63 miles per hour as it made landfall in Phu Yen province Monday afternoon, toppling trees and utility poles, causing blackouts, said Nguyen Ba Loc, deputy chairman of the provincial People's Committee.

The storm lost force and was downgraded to a tropical depression as it moved deeper inland later Monday, according to the national weather forecast center.

No deaths were reported, but the weather center warned of possible flash floods and landslides in mountainous districts.

Mirinae hit the Philippines with typhoon strength over the weekend, killing 20 people before losing strength as it moved across the South China Sea toward Vietnam.

Both Vietnam and the Philippines are still recovering from Typhoon Ketsana, which brought the Philippine capital of Manila its worst flooding in 40 years when it struck in September. Ketsana killed 160 people in Vietnam.

In the Philippines, Ketsana and two later storms killed more than 900. Some 87,000 people who fled the storms were still living in temporary shelters when Mirinae struck.

Mirinae left 20 dead, mostly from drowning, in six Philippine provinces. Four people were missing, disaster response officials said.

But the storm did not keep the largely Roman Catholic country from paying re-

spects to the dead on Sunday's All Saints Day. Huge crowds jammed cemeteries, with some people visiting still-flooded ones by boat.

Forecasters said they were watching a low pressure area about 186 miles off the eastern coast of the northern Philippines that along with northeastern monsoon winds could bring rain and gale-force winds to the mountainous region.

Strong winds and huge waves destroyed three fishing boats and overturned about a dozen others off northern Cagayan province early Monday, tossing 39 fishermen to the rough sea, Cagayan disaster official Bonifacio Cuarteros said.

Most of the fishermen swam back to shore or were rescued by fellow fishermen. One remained missing, Cuarteros said.

N. Korea demanding direct talks with U.S.

BY JAE-SOON CHANG
The Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korea issued a veiled threat Monday to increase its nuclear arsenal if U.S. officials do not quickly agree to the one-on-one talks that the communist regime is demanding.

The regime's impatience came days after No. 2 nuclear negotiator Ri Gun came away from meetings with Washington envoy Sung Kim without an agreement to hold bilateral talks.

"If the U.S. is not ready to sit at a negotiating table with the [North], it will go its own way," the North's Foreign Ministry said in a statement carried by Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency.

The statement did not elaborate, but it was widely seen as a warning that the North will bolster its nuclear stockpile — a brinkmanship tactic that the communist nation has often employed.

On Monday, the North's ministry also said that "meaningful progress" on a nuclear-free Korean peninsula is possible — "if the hostile relations between the (North) and the U.S. are settled and confidence is built between them."

Washington has maintained that it is willing to engage North Korea in bilateral talks — if they lead to the resumption of the stalled six-nation disarmament talks.

North Korea's Ri, who was in the U.S. at the invitation of private organizations, said discussions with the U.S. envoy were "useful," South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported. Still, both KCNA and State Department officials in Washington said no decision had been made on holding bilateral talks.

The North agreed in 2007 to disable its nuclear facilities in exchange for energy aid and political concessions. Pyongyang halted the process and later abandoned the pact after receiving most of the promised energy aid and concessions.

U.N. nuclear agency head wants quick response from Iran

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The head of the U.N. nuclear agency has urged Iran to clarify its response to a proposal that would have Tehran ship most of its nuclear material abroad for processing.

Addressing the U.N. General Assembly on Monday, Mohamed ElBaradei said "a number of questions and allegations relevant to the nature" of Iran's program remained, and he called for confidence-building measures on all sides.

The U.S. and other powers are concerned Iran may be enriching uranium for use in nuclear weapons, while Tehran insists its program is strictly for peaceful purposes.

Iranian officials have been

sending mixed signals over the plan proposed under talks brokered by the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency, which ElBaradei headed until stepping down Monday.

Iran wants to buy ready-made fuel for its research reactor, a senior Iranian envoy said Monday — the latest indication that Tehran is rejecting a U.S.-backed plan that would have the Islamic Republic ship most of its enriched uranium out of the country.

"We want to buy the fuel from any supplier," said Ali Asghar Soltanieh, Iran's chief representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Soltanieh, however, evaded a direct answer when asked if that meant Iran was rejecting an international plan to have Tehran export most of its enriched ura-

nium stockpile and have that material shipped back as fuel for its research reactor.

The plan aims to delay Iran's ability to make nuclear arms by sending most of the material needed to make weapons out of the country.

Soltanieh said the Iranian pro-

posal created a "historical juncture" for countries discussing an enrichment deal with Iran to "prove their political goodwill."

Since its clandestine enrichment program was revealed, Iran has amassed more than 3,300 pounds of low-enriched uranium.

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7 indicted for helping Madrid bombers flee

The Associated Press

MADRID — A Spanish judge indicted seven people Monday for allegedly helping several of the suspected Madrid train bombers flee after the 2004 terror attacks.

National Court Judge Eloy Velasco charged six of the seven with belonging to an unidentified terrorist group, while one was accused of collaboration.

Velasco said the seven provided money, cover and information to help six men

evade justice after allegedly participating in the March 11, 2004, bombings. The morning rush hour attacks on commuter trains headed for the capital's main southern station killed 191 people and wounded about 1,800.

Four of the seven indicted are free, one is in custody and the whereabouts of two others are unknown. Five are from Morocco, and one each from Algeria and Tunisia.

The court named the suspects as Zohair Khadiri, Taha Seghrouchni, Hammad Lah-

sini, Abdelkrim Lebchina and Abdelaziz El Merabit — all from Morocco — Djilali Boussiri from Algeria and Nassreddine Ben Laidne Amri of Tunisia.

Responsibility for the attacks, perpetrated with 10 bombs hidden in backpacks, was claimed by Muslim militants who claimed they were avenging the presence of Spanish peacekeepers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In 2007, 28 people, mainly from North Africa, went on trial, and 21 of them were convicted of taking part in the terror

bombings.

The judge said the seven knew that Mohamed Afalah, Daoud Ouhmane, Said Berraj and Otman El Mouib, Mohamed Belhadj and Abdelilah Hriz had participated in the bombings but did nothing to turn them in to the police.

Afalah, Daoud Ouhmane are believed to have died later in suicide bombings in Iraq. Belhadj and Abdelilah Hriz were later detained, while Berraj and Otman El Mouib have never been found.

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EDUCATION

More college presidents joining millionaire's club

By JUSTIN POPE
The Associated Press

The fast-growing group of millionaire private college and university presidents hit a new record in recent years, and it's likely more college leaders will make seven-figure salaries once the slumping economy rebounds.

A record 23 presidents received more than \$1 million in total compensation in fiscal 2008, according to an analysis of the most recently available data published Monday by the Chronicle of Higher Education. A record one in four in the study of 419 colleges' mandatory IRS filings made at least \$500,000.

Topping the list is Shirley Ann Jackson at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., whose total compensation the Chronicle pegged at nearly \$1.6 million. She was followed by David Sargent at Suffolk University in Boston, who made \$1.5 million. However, one-third of his compensation had been reported as deferred compensation last year and counted as salary this year — an example of the difficulty of making straightforward compensation comparisons.

Overall, median compensation for the group rose 6.5 percent to \$359,000, and 15.5 percent at major private research universities, to \$628,000. The figures essentially cover the 2007-2008 academic year.

Those averages have almost certainly flattened or perhaps fallen since then, with numerous presidents — including Jackson — taking voluntary pay cuts this year amid widespread budget-cutting at their institutions.

But experts say the upward trend will almost certainly resume eventually. It may frustrate parents who are paying higher tuition, but experts insist the sala-

ries reflect supply and demand.

"The baby boomers are retiring," said Ray Cotton, a Washington D.C.-based lawyer and expert on presidential contracts and compensation. "Boards are in a scramble competing against each other for the remaining available talent."

But the 24-7 nature of the job and the stresses stemming from the recession have made it unappealing to prospective candidates.

"Some people just don't want anything to do with the job because it keeps them up at night," said Chronicle editor Jeffrey Selingo. "In order to attract and retain good talent they're going to have to pay for it. They may take a little break now because of the economy, but these pieces are still in place."

Still, colleges will have to absorb the public relations hit that comes with offering seven-figure compensation to an academic leader. The average price of tuition plus room and board at four-year private colleges surpassed \$39,000 last year, according to the latest figures from the College Board.

The Chronicle noted that 58 institutions charged more than \$50,000 this year, up from just five last year. A number of those schools pay their presidents more than \$1 million, including New York University, Columbia and Vanderbilt.

The Chronicle also identified three former presidents who received compensation of more than \$1 million in 2007-2008, topped by retired George Washington University president Stephen Trachtenberg, whose benefits package was valued at \$3.67 million. It identified 85 colleges paying at least a former president or other high-ranking official at least \$200,000, typically in deferred compensation and bonuses.



Jackson

Note: Meyers and Bottoms are no longer serving as presidents of the respective universities. Total compensation may include deferred compensation and other benefits and is not necessarily take-home salary. Kerwin, who was named president in 2007, was provost for much of the period covered.

The Associated Press

Big earners

Leaders in Total Compensation at Private Colleges, 2007-8. Source: IRS tax reports analyzed by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

1. Shirley Ann Jackson, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: \$1,598,247
2. David Sargent, Suffolk University: \$1,496,593
3. Steadman Upham, University of Tulsa: \$1,485,275
4. Richard Meyers, Webster University: \$1,429,738
5. Cornelius M. Kerwin, American University: \$1,419,339
6. Lee C. Bollinger, Columbia: \$1,380,035
7. Donald V. DeRosa, University of the Pacific: \$1,350,743
8. John E. Sexton, New York University: \$1,297,475
9. Robert Bottoms, DePauw University: \$1,296,455
10. Jerry C. Lee, National University: \$1,189,777

Study skills

College-bound students boost skills in boot camp

By DANIEL DE VISE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Khawar Malik had written just one 10-page paper in four years at DuVal High School in Lanham, Md., and his teacher had given him an entire year to finish it.

High school left him unprepared for college. So, Malik, 19, entered the University of Maryland through its Academic Achievement Programs division. He spent six summer weeks in the academic equivalent of boot camp, learning all the reading, writing, math and study skills he would need to keep pace with other freshmen. By the end of the sixth week, he had written another 10-page paper and several shorter ones. Today, he is an English major.

"If I didn't have this program, I wouldn't be here right now," said Malik, a sophomore with a 4.0 grade-point average.

The federal Student Support Services program, launched during the Nixon administration, is part of a larger effort to help disadvantaged students overcome academic and cultural barriers to success in higher education. The program is part of TRIO, a group

of national initiatives that have proven their ability to raise the odds that a disadvantaged student will stay in college, get good grades and graduate.

"You can give them all the money in the world," said Arnold Mitchem, president of the Council for Opportunity in Education, a nonprofit organization in Washington, "but if you don't address the confidence issues, the skills issue, you're not going to make it."

At the University of Maryland, the TRIO program is housed in an academic building across from Memorial Chapel. On one Wednesday morning, students popped in and out of small classrooms to learn study skills and seek supplementary instruction in reading and math. Instructors teach college-level material, but at a slower pace.

The six-week boot camp is the starting point for about 100 freshmen a year at Maryland, students who otherwise would not be admitted. Typically, they have good grades but lower SAT scores than other U-Md. students, and they come from high schools that offer less-rigorous classes. All but a handful make it through the summer program and gain freshman status.

Amy Koman, 18, left, of Baltimore, studies with her tutor, Christina Scott, at the University of Maryland in College Park.

SARAH L. VOISIN/Washington Post



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"Paranormal Activity," which was produced for \$15,000, is doing so well at the box office, it's scary.

Not normal

O ren Peli is Red Bull in human form. His movie, "Paranormal Activity," is causing sleepless nights the likes of which haven't been seen since the sleeper hit "The Blair Witch Project" first spooked viewers 10 years ago.

Even adults who can doze after seeing the haunted-house film are suddenly suspicious of creaky floorboards, stray shudders or noises, or any door that swings open or closed without benefit of human hand or window breeze.

"Paranormal Activity," accurately being called the next "Blair Witch Project," is about a young California couple trying to document the evil spirits in their home.

Unlike "The Amityville Horror" or "The Haunting in Connecticut," both inspired by supposedly true stories, this one is a figment of Peli's imagination, and the demonic presence doesn't come with the house.

The frightening force has been shadowing the woman since she was a child; if she moves, it finds her, and it's more ferocious and frightening than ever. She is a college student named Katie, who lives with her day-trader-boyfriend Micah, in suburban San Diego.

Peli found his leads the traditional way with casting calls and hired Katie Featherston as Katie and Micah Sloat as Micah. The filmmaker used his own San Diego house as the movie's main (and only) location during a single week of shooting in 2006.

"We usually film during the night and, in the morning, sleep," although there wasn't much snoozing given all the editing and reviewing of footage he needed to do. Peli then spent a year winnowing the nearly 70 hours he amassed.

Asked if anything freaky happened, as famously occurred during "The Exorcist," Peli said. "Actually, no. I wish it did; it would have been a good story."

An even better story, however, is how a movie made for roughly \$15,000 made \$33.7 million before Halloween. "We never actually had an accurate accounting," he says, but that's in the ballpark.

Peli, a native of Israel who moved to the States 19 years ago, says he once was spooked by "anything that had to do with ghosts, demons, possessions, since I watched 'Exorcist' as a kid. It totally, totally freaked me out."

It had been the move to his San Diego home that inspired Peli. "I never lived in a single detached family home," he said, so he was conscious of every noise at night, particularly of the house settling and items slipping from shelves.

That led to thinking how a video camera might document the source of the sounds, which led to the movie. He credits "This Is Spinal Tap" and "The Blair Witch Project" as influencing a movie that purports to be true but isn't.

"Blair Witch," released in 1999, was about three student filmmakers who disappeared in October 1994 while

Small movie's word-of-mouth campaign frighteningly successful

shooting a documentary about the Blair Witch in the Maryland woods.

Although some early moviegoers were convinced they were watching a real documentary, it was a grand and lucrative put-on. The faux frightfest was made for a paltry \$35,000, Artisan Entertainment bought the rights for \$1 million and the movie took in \$130 million at the box office and more on DVD. DreamWorks bought "Paranormal" for a reported \$350,000.

Peli calls comparisons a compliment, adding, "Hopefully, we will have the same success, and so we're not shying away from it."

Both "Blair Witch" and "Open Water," a low-budget 2004 summer sensation about scuba-diving vacationers left behind in shark-infested waters, inspired Peli, who previously worked in video-game programming. They proved that a limited budget, video camera and cool idea could allow a first-time filmmaker to give it a shot.

In late September, Paramount opened the R-rated "Paranormal" in select college towns with midnight screenings and has been widening the net each week.

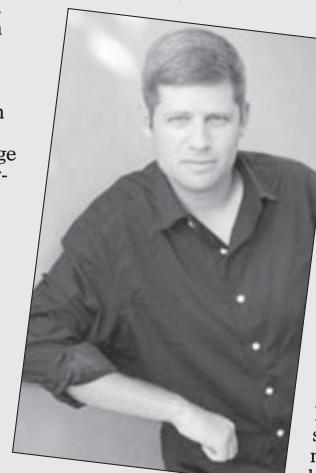
The Web has been crucial to the success, since it provided a platform for users to demand the movie play in their cities while others tweeted and fretted on Facebook. Even Steven Spielberg added to the legend and lore.

A story in the Los Angeles Times reported that Spielberg was certain his copy was haunted.

The Times wrote: "As the story goes, Spielberg had taken a 'Paranormal Activity' DVD to his Pacific Palisades estate, and not long after he watched it, the door to his empty bedroom inexplicably locked from the inside, forcing him to summon a locksmith."

The moral of the story is it can be better to be in an impersonal theater in the company of quaking strangers than in your own palatial home, even if you can summon a locksmith. Or an exorcist. Or a marketing genius.

— Barbara Vancheri/Pittsburgh Post-Gazette



Oren Peli says living in his first detached family home inspired his creepy hit movie.

Los Angeles Times

Rocker Navarro nothing to write home about

Dating rock guitarist Dave Navarro isn't anything to brag about. His current girlfriend, Izabella Miko, keeps their romance a secret from her family because they may not approve of the thrice-divorced Navarro's bad boy past. She even hides his things when her parents come over to visit.

— Wireless Flash



Even the girlfriend of rocker Dave Navarro (pictured) is ashamed of him.

'This Is It' turns into real thriller

"Michael Jackson's This Is It" pulled in \$101 million worldwide in its first five days, and distributor Sony is extending the farewell performance film beyond its planned two-week run.

The film was the No. 1 Halloween thriller domestically with a \$21.3 million opening weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The previous weekend's No. 1 movie, Paramount's low-budget horror sensation "Paranormal Activity," slipped to No. 2 with \$16.5 million, lifting its total to \$84.8 million.

"This Is It" raised its domestic total to \$32.5 million. The movie pulled in \$68.5 million overseas, including \$10.4 million in Japan, \$6.3 million in Germany, \$5.8 million in France and \$3.2 million in China.

"He's just loved everywhere on the planet," said Rory Bruer, head of distribution for Sony.

In Great Britain, where Jackson had planned a marathon series of 50 London concerts starting last July, the movie earned \$7.6 million.

"This Is It" captures Jackson in behind-the-scenes performances in the weeks before his death last June, as he rehearsed his biggest hits for the London shows.

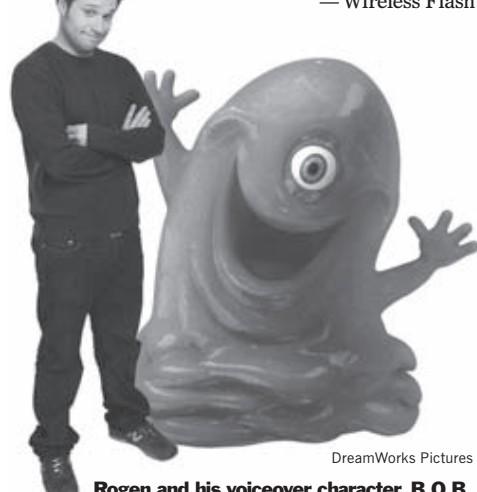
"This Is It" originally was scheduled for a theatrical run of only two weeks. The studio has extended it a few more weeks domestically, leaving it in theaters through Thanksgiving weekend, one of the year's busiest moviegoing times.

— The Associated Press

Rogen: Aliens? Get real

"Monsters Vs. Aliens" voice actor Seth Rogen has clear-cut theories about both monsters and aliens. The funnyman believes "monsters are real" and may be hiding under his bed, but aliens, on the other hand, are "ridiculous."

— Wireless Flash



DreamWorks Pictures

Rogen and his voiceover character, B.O.B.

IN THE STATES

Man charged with killing 4 in Mayberry model town

By ALYSSA PATTERSON
The Associated Press

MOUNT AIRY, N.C. — Police arrested a convicted kidnapper early Monday in the fatal shooting of four men in the town that inspired the idyllic community of Mayberry on the 1960s TV series "The Andy Griffith Show."

Marcos Chavez Gonzalez was charged with four counts of murder in the slayings late Sunday outside Woods TV in Mount Airy, about 100 miles north of Charlotte, police said.

The town, population 8,700, is the hometown of Andy Griffith and has built a tourist trade on nostalgia for the show, which continues to thrive in syndication.

The four were shot in the shadow of a water tower that says "Welcome to Mount Airy" and has a picture of Griffith and Opie, his son on the show.

"This is Mayberry ... Andy Griffith's house is in spitting distance here," said Michael Wood, one of the owners of Woods TV.

Police do not believe the shootings were random, but Mount Airy Police Chief Dale Watson said they did not plan to release



Gonzalez

*"This is Mayberry ...
Andy Griffith's house
is in spitting
distance here."*

Michael Wood

an owner of Woods TV in Mount Airy, N.C., which is near where four people were shot Sunday

a motive.

Jose Armando Hernandez, 46, said through a translator that three of the victims were his nephews. He said his family is "destroyed" over the deaths, which he said stemmed from a problem with a woman. Police would not confirm that or identify the victims.

Gonzalez, 29, was arrested without incident at a motel about 50 miles northeast of the town, Henry County, Va., Sheriff Lane Perry said Monday. Gonzalez was unarmed when he surrendered just before 4 a.m. to officers who had surrounded the motel.

He was being held in the Henry County jail on charges that included being a fugitive from justice from North Carolina. He indicated he would not fight extradition, Perry said. Jail workers said it was not clear whether he had an attorney.

State prison records show Gonzalez was released more than two years ago after serving more than

two years on a 2002 conviction for kidnapping a minor and a probation violation.

State records show the felony kidnapping charge required Gonzalez to register as a sex offender. North Carolina's post-release supervision of Gonzalez ended last November, Correction Department spokesman Keith Acree said.

Nursing supervisor Sue Coe at Northern Hospital of Surry County confirmed that two people died at the store around 2:30 p.m. Sunday. She said two who were wounded died at the hospital, just across the street from the store. Woods TV sells televisions and satellite systems.

By Monday, someone had set up a makeshift memorial with flowers. Mourners gathered there and some women lay on the ground crying. Someone christened the memorial with a bottle of Corona beer, which sat half empty next to brightly colored candles with photos of saints on them.

Gary Chilton, an owner of Chilton Insurance Group, which shares the building with Woods TV, said the crime is not indicative of the usually quiet town.

"I'm not sure it's totally sunk in because it's so unusual. On any given Sunday there is nothing here in this parking lot. There's nothing here at all," he said. "My biggest question is why in this parking lot at all. Why Woods TV parking lot?"

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Nov. 3)	.89.00
South Korean won (Nov. 3)	1,152.00
Euro costs (Nov. 3)	\$1.5156
Dollar buys (Nov. 3)	€0.6598
British pound (Nov. 3)	\$1.68

Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6361
Canada (Dollar)	1.0774
China (Yuan)	6.8289
Denmark (Krone)	5.0378
Egypt (Pound)	5.4708
Euro	\$1.4780/0.6766
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7501
Hungary (Forint)	186.74
Israel (Shekel)	3.7845
Japan (Yen)	90.48
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2862
Norway (Krone)	5.7205
Philippines (Peso)	47.60
Poland (Zloty)	2.88
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7501
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3988
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Switzerland (Franc)	1.0213
Thailand (Baht)	33.44
Turkey (New Lira)	1.5006

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INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.50
3-month bill	0.05
30-year bond	4.34

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

Ford posts \$1B profit

The Associated Press

DEARBORN, Mich. — Ford, the only Detroit automaker to dodge direct government aid and bankruptcy court, surprised investors with net income of nearly \$1 billion in the third quarter and forecast a "solidly profitable" 2011.

Earnings were fueled by U.S. market share gains, cost cuts and the Cash for Clunkers program, the automaker said Monday. Ford's shares rose 68 cents, or 9.8 percent, to \$7.68 in morning

trading.

The latest results signal that Ford's turnaround is on more solid ground. The company lost more than \$14.6 billion last year and hasn't posted a full-year profit since 2005.

"That's a huge deal," said Chief Financial Officer Lewis Booth.

Ford's plan to create demand and get better prices for its products, coupled with cost cuts, gave the company confidence that it will make money in 2011, Booth said.



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Ford Motor Co. earned a surprise \$1 billion in the third quarter, fueled by U.S. market share gains, cost cuts and the government's Cash for Clunkers rebates.

Higher taxes for the most wealthy

Under the House Democrats' health care plan and President Barack Obama's budget proposal, a family making \$5 million a year would get a tax increase of more than \$430,000.

Household income	\$300,000	\$450,000	\$800,000	\$5 million
Single, no children	Tax now 66,500	105,100	200,600	1,378,700
Proposed	66,500	110,200	240,300	1,839,700
Married, 2 children*	Tax now 57,100	102,600	190,800	1,368,900
Proposed	57,100	102,600	214,800	1,803,400

*Under 17 years old

SOURCE: Deloitte Tax

AP

Health plan to hit rich with tax hike

5.4 percent spike in House Democrats' bill is estimated to raise \$460B over 10 years

By STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The typical family would be spared higher taxes from the House Democratic plan to overhaul health care, and their low-income neighbors could come out ahead.

Their wealthy counterparts, however, face big tax increases that could eventually hit future generations of taxpayers who are less wealthy.

The bill is funded largely from a 5.4 percent tax on individuals making more than \$500,000 a year and couples making more than \$1 million, starting in 2011. The tax increase would hit only 0.3 percent of tax filers, raising \$460.5 billion over the next 10 years, according to congressional estimates.

But unlike other income tax rates, the new tax would not be indexed for inflation. As incomes rise over time because of inflation, more families — and more small business owners — would be hit by the tax.

"Twenty years from now, we're going to see more and more small businesses ensnared into paying higher taxes," said Rep. Dave Camp of Michigan, the top Republican on the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

The tax would hit only 1.2 percent of taxpayers who claim business income on their returns, according to the estimates by the nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation. But that percentage would grow as business owners' nominal incomes rise with inflation.

In 2011, a family of four with an income of \$800,000 a year would get a \$24,000 tax increase, when the new tax is combined with an increase in the top two tax brackets proposed by President Barack Obama and other scheduled tax changes, according to an analysis by Deloitte Tax. That's a 12.5 percent increase in federal income taxes.

A family of four making \$5 million a year would see a \$434,500 tax increase, about a 32 percent increase, according to the analysis.

"These are very big numbers

and very high effective tax rates," said Clint Stretch, a tax policy expert at Deloitte Tax.

The new health care tax would come on top of other tax increases for the wealthy proposed by Obama. The top marginal income tax rate now is 35 percent, on income above \$372,950. Obama wants to boost the top rate to 39.6 percent in 2011 by allowing some of the tax cuts enacted under former President George W. Bush to expire.

House Democrats said they are proud that they found a way to finance the health care package largely from a tax on the wealthy. There is, however, little appetite for a millionaire's tax in the Senate, and some tax experts think it is a mistake to tap only rich people to pay for services used by all.

"If health care is a benefit that is worth having, then it's worth paying for," said William Gale, who was an adviser to President George H.W. Bush's Council of Economic Advisers and is now co-director of the Tax Policy Center. "This gives the impression that it's only worth having if someone else pays for it."

Obama promised during the presidential campaign that he would not increase taxes on couples making less than \$250,000. However, the health care bill would impose new taxes on people who don't buy qualified health insurance, including those making less than \$250,000 a year.

Under the bill, individuals are required to obtain health insurance coverage or pay penalties, which are described as taxes in the legislation. The penalty would be equal to the cost of an average insurance plan or a 2.5 percent tax on incomes above the standard threshold for filing a tax return, whichever is less. There would be waivers for financial hardships.

Republicans argue that the penalties violate Obama's tax pledge, and they liken the millionaire's tax to the Alternative Minimum Tax, which Congress enacted in 1969 to ensure that wealthy Americans cannot use loopholes to avoid paying any income taxes.

Bridge reopens in California

The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge reopened Monday following emergency repairs. The span was closed for nearly six days after 5,000 pounds of metal crashed down into traffic when two rods and a crossbar — installed in September to repair a crack — failed. The latest fix includes anti-vibration dampeners and measures to prevent parts from falling on the bridge if they fail again, officials said.

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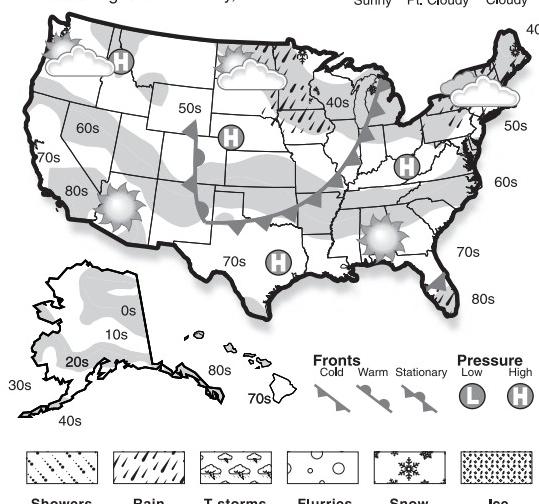


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WEATHER OUTLOOK

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Nov. 3



Another Quiet Weather Day

Fairly quiet weather activity will develop through much of the nation due to dominant areas of high pressure. A frontal system will swing through the East, kicking up showers in the Great Lakes. Showers will also persist in the Southeast.

Weather Underground • AP

Monday's global temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	La Paz	66	37	pc
Amsterdam	60	52	Rain	Lima	71	60	pc
Athens	55	48	Rain	Lisbon	73	64	Rain
Auckland	62	53	pc	London	63	48	Rain
Bahgdad	86	65	Clry	Madrid	76	53	Clry
Basra	92	79	Clry	Managua	87	75	Rain
Bahrain	90	78	Clry	Manila	89	77	Clry
Bangkok	89	76	pc	Mecca	99	77	Clry
Barbados	86	75	pc	Melbourne	64	57	Clry
Barcelona	69	57	pc	Mexico City	69	50	pc
Beijing	35	26	Snow	Montevideo	69	62	Rain
Beirut	70	62	Rain	Montreal	51	41	pc
Belgrade	48	29	pc	Moscow	32	26	Snow
Berlin	42	28	Clry	Nairobi	77	60	Rain
Bermuda	74	69	pc	Nassau	88	71	Clry
Bogota	66	50	Rain	New Delhi	87	64	Clry
Brasilia	81	65	pc	Nice	66	59	pc
Brisbane	75	64	Rain	Osaka	77	60	Rain
Brussels	60	49	Rain	Oslo	35	30	Rain
Budapest	38	32	Clry	Panama	82	74	Rain
Budapest	44	24	pc	Paris	62	53	Rain
Buenos Aires	73	67	Rain	Perth	75	50	Clry
Cairo	79	67	pc	Prague	33	31	Clry
Calgary	45	29	Rain	Rio de Janeiro	80	71	Rain
Caracas	89	75	Clry	Rome	60	39	Clry
Colombo	91	75	pc	San Jose	80	65	Rain
Copenhagen	45	42	pc	San Juan	87	78	Rain
Dhahran	98	71	Clry	San Salvador	84	68	Rain
Dhaka	89	72	Clry	Santiago	68	53	pc
Dili	94	70	Clry	Sao Paulo	83	66	pc
Dubai	95	74	Clry	Sapporo	45	36	Rain
Dublin	52	42	Rain	Seoul	55	41	Rain
Frankfurt	50	33	Rain	Singapore	90	75	pc
Geneva	59	36	Rain	Sofia	46	32	pc
Guatemala	77	62	Rain	Stockholm	42	41	pc
Hanoi	89	71	Clry	Toronto	51	43	pc
Harare	x	x	Clry	Tunis	71	59	pc
Havana	86	66	pc	Taipei	78	71	Rain
Helsinki	38	21	pc	Tegucigalpa	82	64	Rain
Hong Kong	89	77	Clry	Tehran	70	51	Rain
Islamabad	87	53	Clry	Tel Aviv	79	63	pc
Istanbul	57	46	Rain	Tokyo	78	59	Rain
Jakarta	92	77	Clry	Turin	51	50	Clry
Jerusalem	79	63	pc	Toronto	51	43	pc
Johannesburg	72	53	Clry	Tunis	71	59	pc
Kabul	71	44	Clry	Valletta	68	53	Clry
Kiev	36	27	pc	Vancouver	54	36	Clry
Kuala Lumpur	91	75	Rain	Vienna	37	30	Clry
Kuwait	93	75	pc	Warsaw	42	30	pc
				Zurich	50	34	pc

Tuesday's U.S. temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Casper	53	34	PCldy	Erie	46	42	PCldy	Jacksonville	74	53	PCldy	Montgomery	73	46	Clry	Richmond	65	41	PCldy	Springfield, Ill.	53	34	Clry
Abilene, Tex.	75	46	Clry	Charleston, S.C.	73	49	PCldy	Eugene	55	37	PCldy	Juneau	40	35	Rain	Nashville	63	45	PCldy	Roanoke	62	42	Clry	Springfield, Mo.	61	39	Clry
Akron, Ohio	47	39	Clry	Charleston, W.Va.	53	40	Clry	Evansville	56	40	Clry	Kansas City	59	34	PCldy	New Orleans	75	56	Clry	Rochester	49	42	Rain	Syracuse	49	40	Rain
Albany, N.Y.	51	36	Clry	Charlotte, N.C.	69	43	Clry	Fairbanks	11	-7	Clry	Key West	85	77	PCldy	New York City	58	45	Clry	Rockford	50	29	Clry	Tallahassee	76	48	Clry
Albuquerque	69	40	Clry	Chattanooga	65	43	PCldy	Fargo	44	27	Clry	Knoxville	64	42	Clry	Newark	59	45	Clry	Sacramento	77	48	Clry	Tampa	80	66	Clry
Allentown, Pa.	55	35	Clry	Cheyenne	52	30	Clry	Flagstaff	70	24	Clry	Lake Charles	76	50	Clry	Norfolk, Va.	62	51	PCldy	St Louis	56	39	Clry	Toledo	49	37	Clry
Amarillo	71	40	Clry	Chicago	47	32	Clry	Flint	46	35	Clry	Lansing	44	33	Snow	North Platte	60	33	Clry	Pittsburgh	79	69	Clry	Topeka	60	34	PCldy
Anchorage	30	14	Clry	Cincinnati	54	39	Clry	Fort Smith	67	48	Clry	Las Vegas	82	53	Clry	Oklahoma City	68	46	Clry	St Thomas	87	77	Clry	Tucson	90	51	Clry
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Austin	77	46	Clry	Columbus, Ga.	73	47	Clry	Grand Junction	58	32	Clry	Los Angeles	85	55	Clry	Pendleton	55	32	PCldy	San Antonio	77	51	Clry	Washington, D.C.	64	44	Clry
Baltimore	61	41	Clry	Columbus, Ohio	52	39	PCldy	Grand Rapids	44	33	Snow	Louisville	54	43	PCldy	Peoria	50	31	Clry	San Diego	74	59	Clry	W.Palm Beach	85	70	PCldy
Baton Rouge	74	50	Clry	Concord, N.H.	52	32	Clry	Great Falls	53	34	PCldy	Lubbock	70	38	PCldy	Philadelphia	60	43	Clry	Philadelphia	75	54	Clry	Wichita Falls	73	47	Clry
Billings	55	33	PCldy	Corpus Christi	78	55	Clry	Green Bay	42	28	PCldy	Macau	75	44	Clry	Phoenix	92	59	Clry	San Jose	79	50	Clry	Wilkes-Barre	52	38	Clry
Birmingham	68	46	Clry	Dallas-Ft Worth	73	50	Clry	Greensboro, N.C.	66	40	Clry	Madison	46	28	Clry	Pittsburgh	49	42	Clry	Santa Fe	65	33	Clry	Wilmington, Del.	60	41	Clry
Bismarck	56	32	Clry	Dayton	51	37	Clry	Harrisburg	56	40	Clry	Medford	65	34	Clry	Pocatello	55	31	Clry	St Ste Marie	41	31	Snow	Yakima	56	29	PCldy
Boise	57	36	Clry	Daytona Beach	77	63	Clry	Hartford Spfld	56	35	Clry	Memphis	64	51	Clry	Portland, Maine	50	38	Clry	Savannah	75	50	Clry	Youngstown	45	39	Clry
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Brownsville	81	60	PCldy	Detroit	46	38	Clry	Houston	76	52	Clry	Raleigh-Durham	68	41	Clry	Rapid City	55	32	Clry	South Bend	48	30	Clry	Wilmington, Del.	60	41	Clry
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Ohio police try to ID 6 bodies

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Investigators

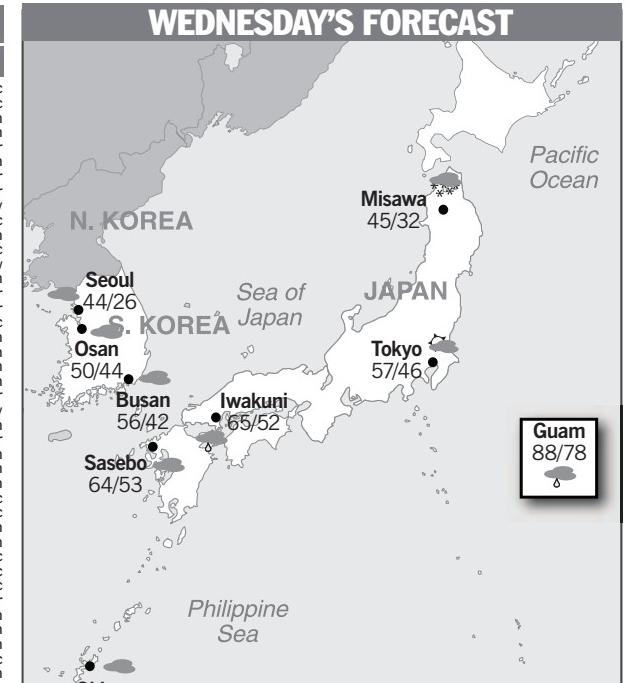
trying to identify six bodies found in the home of a convicted rapist in Cleveland are focusing the inquiry on eight or nine missing

victims.

Cuyahoga County Coroner Frank Miller said Monday it could take days or weeks to identify the bodies using dental records or a DNA mouth-swab sample from a relative.

The bodies were discovered last week after police went to the home of 50-year-old Anthony Sowell on a rape and felonious assault warrant.

He was arrested Saturday.



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Unkept promises to vets

I served in the Army. The post-9/11 GI Bill is a hoax.

People are losing their homes, going into great debt and being evicted from their homes due to an unkept promise by our government to support veterans. I would like for a publication such as yours to report to the men and women of the U.S. armed forces on the actual issues that go along with these delays.

It's not just about people not getting money. It's promised money that people counted on and are now suffering greatly because of it. These poor men and women currently signing up under the promise that they will receive a free education if they risk their lives for this country are in for a big surprise when they try to receive any benefit from Veterans Affairs.

The Navy Times reported that the VA had 14,000 payments yet to process as of Oct. 27. The VA states that it has hired more than 900 extra workers to work overtime to process these claims. Yet, it said people probably wouldn't get paid until closer to December. According to its Web site, it processed 3,270 payments [in one day]. At that rate about 14,000 claims would be processed in about 4½ days. The math doesn't add up to their story. Where's the money?

Chadwick Johnson
Chicago

Petty complaints? Get over it

It seems every time I read letters to the editor someone is complaining over petty things — the flight uniform debate, awards or what have you.

Get over it, and debate those issues with your friends and co-workers. The Army decided on new uniforms, so guess what, you get new ones. Evolve — don't stay in the past. I don't like the new uniforms, but you don't see me wanting the old ones.

On awards, it has been a rank-based award system for more than 20 years. So, unless you gut the Army and replace it with free thinkers, it will continue for another 20 years in the same old way. Sure, do what you can to fix it from the inside, but at the end of the day, it's the same old thing.

I will complain about one thing: I hope Congress or anyone else never decides to cheapen the Medal of Honor. This is not a numbers game, with it or any other award.

I didn't serve for awards. ... I served for my country.

David Dunbar
Camp As Sayiliyah, Qatar

The influence of AFN news

When I arrived in Germany, the American Forces Network news programming had me puzzled. I wrote a few letters to AFN, got a few "company" responses, but it wasn't until I read "Programming questions flood AFN call session," (article, Oct. 26, Mideast and Europe editions), on Larry Sichter, the AFN relations chief, and Jeff Reilly, the AFN Radio director, that it all became crystal clear to me.

The AFN news programming leans to the "conservative right." I understand

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their decision to have Rush Limbaugh on during peak hours is based on ratings in the States, but whom is AFN competing against for ratings?

AFN has the most captive audience in the world, because there is no competition for U.S. viewers here. You watch AFN, get a PAL system TV and watch German shows, or do something else with your free time. AFN has more say as to what we see or hear than it lets on.

In a wartime situation, you can't have Limbaugh trashing the president and his policies at every turn. This man has said he wants our president to fail, plays on racial fears and says all these counterproductive things under the guise of being a true patriotic American. These types of comments do nothing but undermine our president and fan the flames of paranoia.

Did I miss the airing of the president's huge speech on health care reform before the two houses? I don't remember seeing it. AFN can get "American Idol" shown here the next day, but not this historic speech. Were the ratings too low for the president's speech to be shown? Did the AFN "powers that be" view the speech as not being important enough to air?

Someone help me, because I'm trying not to think the worst, but it just doesn't pass the "sniff" test.

Carlos L. Sayles
Heidelberg, Germany

An insult to those deployed

As I read "The War Room" (article, Oct. 28), on the Air Force "difficulties" of flying the Predator/Reaper systems out of Creech Air Force Base, Nev., I could not help but feel disgust at the sheer twisted irony of the "difficulties" that Air Force personnel are having.

Must be nice to be home. The Army is in its fourth year of flight for the MQ-1B Warrior (a beefed-up version of the Air Force's Predator), and has amassed 50,000-plus combat flight hours.

Enlisted personnel in the Army do the exact same job as the officers in the Air Force, and we do it without flight pay. We

also do it deployed! We are in Iraq and Afghanistan. We do not go home at night. We do not get to see our loved ones.

We do not have the option of going to a bar to chill with fellow pilots. We fly six to 10 hours a day, day in day out, for an entire year. A day off is a treasured luxury that is frequently canceled due to personnel shortages. More than half of our meals are brought to us — we do not have the decision to make of whom to call for pizza delivery or which restaurant to go to.

Don't get me wrong — the Air Force serves many vital functions in the defense of our country, and it is greatly appreciated. However, to hear them complain about how bad they have it at home when Army personnel are performing the same missions with the same airframe in far worse conditions for far less pay in a war zone is nothing more than a slap in the face to those of us deployed here and in Afghanistan.

Sgt. Joe A. Alexander III
Camp Speicher, Iraq

'The War Room' ... seriously?

Leave it to the Air Force to complain about participating in combat from home ("The War Room," article, Oct. 28).

If complaining about 90-to-180-day rotations in the most upgraded camps downrange wasn't bad enough, dedicating four pages of Stars and Stripes to the theme of how tough their combat duty is from home is too much.

I am amazed by some of the points:

■ "... stand up from their Naugahyde chairs, emerge from their cramped trailers ..." Seriously? Is this meant to convey some unimaginable hardship these "warriors" suffer? I'll bet theirs at least has access to a toilet.

■ "These guys are simultaneously at home and at war. It may be that human psychology isn't designed for that. We don't know yet." Seriously? Try asking any street cop in L.A., Chicago, New York.

■ "18 inches away" from combat? Seriously? Twenty feet is the distance from which an assailant with a knife can approach and stab you before you can draw and shoot your sidearm.

I know the unmanned aerial systems mission is difficult. I proudly serve with an elite unit, downrange, that has been successfully utilizing these powerful assets for years. The Air Force shows up three years late and your paper features this "... first of its kind" concept ("Elite drone pilots graduating as aircrafts" use is expanded," article, June 14), and now we are to emphasize with guys fighting from home while our UAS operators live in limited camps with cramped, shared quarters vulnerable to attacks?

I do not believe that because it's tough for one, it should be tough for all, but don't expect others to be sympathetic toward those whose "combat tours" are counted in days, occur from plush chairs with a home-cooked meal and [include] quality family time. And don't get me started on aviator wings for someone whose flight decisions put everyone's life at risk but their own.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Robert L. Gray III
Camp Speicher, Iraq

By GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

Obama's making McChrystal wait too long

By DAN K. THOMASSON
Scripps Howard News Service

Among the more disappointing aspects of Barack Obama's young presidency is his seeming inability to come to a decision over what to do in Afghanistan. As the violence and U.S. death toll escalate, Obama continues to dither over whether to send more troops as requested by his chief man on the ground, Gen. Stanley McChrystal.

Every few days, it seems, the headlines proclaim that the president has asked someone else about how far to go in the struggle against the Taliban. Next on the list may be the White House custodial staff, whose members probably would tell him to get the heck out of Dodge. My father would have told him that if you have to think about something very long you probably shouldn't do it.

Where does all this leave McChrystal, who made the request for 40,000 in additional manpower weeks ago, warning that without them the U.S. efforts to stabilize the country and

permanently weaken the Taliban would fail in a year? How about twisting slowly in the wind, to borrow an old expression from Watergate days? It must be particularly galling to a highly regarded action man who was handpicked by Obama only a few months ago and given a strategy that has now been all but abandoned.

More and more it seems Obama is looking to Vice President Joe Biden for leadership in this most crucial of foreign policy decisions. Biden is now heading up the latest Afghan study group that includes Defense Secretary Robert Gates and National Security Adviser James Jones, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel, whose military expertise is well-known in such political hot spots as South Chicago. Biden was once chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where he was tutored by the Senate's true foreign policy expert, Indiana Republican Richard Lugar, when he (Biden) could quit talking long enough to listen.

There is a disturbing familiarity with a vice president's influen-

tial role in these type of decisions. It was just a few months ago, wasn't it, when a vice president was accused of being the Darth Vader of another administration. Dick Cheney even shot a fellow bird hunter, some argue, to publicly recertify his understanding of military tactics and procedures from his time as defense secretary.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs told reporters recently that it is important "to get this right." No kidding, genius. But sometime along the way, a decision needs to be made with the understanding that in war activities it isn't always possible to nail things down. Flexibility is good, in fact. An accepted rule of thumb is to leave much of these gritty decisions to the general on the ground. As NATO commander as well as the head of U.S. forces, McChrystal needs to have the opportunity to make it work until he proves he can't. For the umpteenth time, it is necessary to remember that an Army chief of staff's warning that it would take up to 400,000 troops to control and rebuild Iraq with a minimum

of bloodshed was not only ignored but cost the man his job and the nation a lot more.

Rarely has such all-out vacillation and contention been conducted this sharply in public. It can't be good for chances of a positive outcome or for McChrystal's position in all this. It is not unreasonable to suggest that this decorated soldier might ask to be let out to



run a motor pool in Arizona or someplace. The general made his case well and it should have been either accepted or quickly rejected quietly in a reasonable time frame. The president faces the distinct possibility that this all will come back to haunt him. Meanwhile the death toll mounts.

Columnist Dan K. Thomasson is a former Scripps Howard editor.

The farmers aren't the enemy in Afghan drug war

By MOYARA RUEHSEN

There is concern that our continued efforts in Afghanistan are being undermined by widespread corruption within the administration of President Hamid Karzai. What few people are talking about is the opium cultivation and heroin production that is fueling this corruption. But should we do anything about it? Can we do anything about it? Not really.

Controlling opium production is a Sisyphean task — hopelessly futile. Trying to eradicate the crop creates perverse incentives that actually lead to increased production, as NATO allies learned in the years following the ouster of the Taliban in 2001. However, if we do nothing about opium cultivation, farmers will naturally overproduce, stocks of stored opium will accumulate, prices will fall further and farmers will eventually abandon the crop of their own free will (as they did in 2000 and as they are starting to do now).

This year, the United Nations issued two reports suggesting significant drops in opium crop cultivation, suggesting that U.S.- and British-funded crop eradication and alternative development schemes were finally paying off. But the continued drop in the number of acres planted with poppies is not all that it seems. Thanks to increasing crop yields (because of more intensive planting and more efficient techniques), new opium production has fallen by far less than the numbers would suggest. Annual production levels are still double what they were in the decade before the Sept. 11 attacks and during the first few years of this war.

We should not be surprised. Western anti-drug policies are founded on three misguided assumptions, most of which have been refuted by highly respected academic studies that policymakers have rarely bothered to read.

The first false assumption is that crop eradication actually leads to a reduction in production. Graham Farrell, who worked with the U.N. Drug Control Program in the 1990s, looked at the impact of crop

eradication efforts in different parts of the world and found that, in most cases, cultivation increased in the growing season following a crop eradication effort. It's a counterintuitive conclusion, but it makes sense. If farmers know that some crops will be destroyed, they will plant more in the expectation that prices will rise from the induced scarcity. Sometimes they will plant separate fields in outlying areas, or farmers in countries and provinces neighboring the area targeted for eradication might increase their cultivation.

The second false assumption is that subsidized crop substitution programs help poor farmers. Discovering too late that eradication was counterproductive, the U.S. government decided this summer to switch its efforts from eradication to subsidized crop replacement schemes. However, rarely have alternative development programs worked, unless farmers are growing new crops that yield a naturally higher profit margin. Crop subsidy schemes are limited in duration and lack the funds to be sustainable.

The third false assumption is that these counternarcotics programs will win the hearts and minds of Afghanistan's rural

poor. Improving transportation and trade infrastructure to help get legal crops to market would go further. But for those efforts to be sustained, the security situation needs to be improved first.

If all of these policies are counterproductive, what should NATO allies do in Afghanistan? Nothing at the extreme upstream end of the supply chain. Opium and heroin production has increased at such an alarming rate in the last eight years that the resulting supply glut has led to a dramatic fall in prices. Consequently, farmers in many parts of the country are switching to legal crops of their own free will.

Opium production levels have been so high in recent years that the United Nations estimates Afghan drug traffickers have stockpiled enough opium and heroin to supply the world's addicts for more than two years. While it has been suggested that the Taliban might be stockpiling supplies in order to corner the market, a more likely explanation is that drug traffickers within the Taliban and the Karzai government are holding on to excess stocks as they wait for prices to recover.

The temporary elimination of opium production by the Taliban in 2000-2001 was

also because of massive overproduction in preceding years and a resulting price collapse in raw opium. The Taliban issued a "ban" on production that year to drive up prices so farmers and traffickers could sell off excess stocks.

The most sensible solution is to leave farmers alone and instead crack down on traffickers in the border regions. That is the only strategy that will squeeze the market. And if the farmers cannot find buyers for their opium, prices will be driven down even further, providing more incentive to voluntarily switch to crops such as dried fruits, pomegranates and spices.

So how does all of this fit in with the Obama administration's new counterinsurgency strategy in Afghanistan? We know the Taliban are raising money from taxing and trafficking opium and heroin. But that has little to do with Afghanistan's farmers. We need to leave the farmers alone and focus our efforts on controlling Afghanistan's border crossings, targeting both drug traffickers and militants.

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Prickly City



By SCOTT STANTIS

Official changes course on refunds

TX AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, in a policy reversal, will urge a state oversight board to keep a generous refund formula for those who want to cancel their prepaid college tuition plans.

Combs said she'll urge the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board on Nov. 5 to cancel new rules that would have cut the value of the refunds. The proposed cuts sparked an outcry among parents and legislators.

In May, the board — which Combs chairs — changed the refund policy to help keep the struggling Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan solvent.

County expects windfall in midst of recession

CO ASPEN — While most Colorado counties are struggling, the Pitkin County open space program expects a \$3 million tax windfall from higher property assessments that don't yet reflect the recession.

The county Open Space and Trails Board is scheduled to meet to discuss whether to return the money to taxpayers or spend it. Voters exempted the program from the limits of the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, an amendment to the state constitution that restricts government income and spending.

Dale Will, director of the open space program, made no recommendation in a memo to board members, but he noted that the windfall could go a long way because property values have fallen.

Will said the windfall will be short-lived. He also said revenue could fall by 40 percent by 2012 when tax assessments are revised to reflect falling property values amid the recession.

Community rushes to help burned boy's family

FL FORT LAUDERDALE — Touched by the plight of the Deerfield Beach, Fla., teenager who was recently surrounded by schoolmates and set on fire, donors continue to come forward to support Michael Brewer and his family.

In one night, patrons and staff at Galuppi's in Pompano Beach, Fla., raised more than \$10,000 for the fund set up by Neighbors 4 Neighbors.

Organizers of that event said it would seem minor compared with what they're planning for Nov. 21, when the restaurant will host a benefit featuring Miami Dolphins players and cheerleaders, along with silent auctions and raffles for sports memorabilia, Florida Panthers skybox tickets and the grand prize, a Norwegian Cruise Line cruise for two.

Michael remains in critical condition at Jackson Memorial Hospital's Burn Center in Miami. The five teenagers accused of attacking him on Oct. 12 at an apartment complex, dousing him with rubbing alcohol and lighting him on fire are due in court soon. Prosecutors are expected to request an extension to file formal charges on Nov. 11.



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Utility, cable company held liable in fires

CA SANDIEGO — San Diego Gas & Electric and Cox Communications have agreed to pay \$17 million to settle claims by state investigators that poor maintenance led to three huge Southern California wildfires in 2007.

The settlement comes more than a year after investigators with California's Public Utilities Commission concluded that power lines caused the Witch Creek, Guejito and Rice Canyon fires, which destroyed 1,300 homes and killed two people.

Officials found the Guejito Fire was caused by a Cox Communications lashing wire touching an SDG&E conductor. Cox has agreed to pay \$2 million to the general fund, without admitting it caused the fire.

Trooper retires after excessive force incident

TX DALLAS — A state trooper has retired after being given notice that he would be discharged for misconduct that included using excessive force during an arrest in October.

Department Public Safety Director Steve McCraw has also ordered a criminal investigation based on evidence from Trooper Arturo Perez' in-car video. The



Time for a nap

Blaze, the miniature pinscher, lets out a yawn during the Walk Your Paws fundraiser in Decatur, Ala.

video has not been made public.

Attorney Randy Isenberg told KDFW-TV in Dallas that his client, 22-year-old Whitney Fox, was slammed into a wall while in handcuffs after a minor traffic accident Oct. 10 on the Dallas North Tollway.

Perez, who has been a trooper for more than three years, served 16 years with the state prison system.

Hunter accidentally shoots self in hand

NH OSSIEPEE — A New Hampshire deer hunter has accidentally shot himself in the right hand while trying to lift his loaded rifle into a tree stand using a rope tied around the weapon.

A state conservation officer said a branch or stick apparently got stuck in the trigger of Robert Lapointe's .50-caliber muzzleloader.

Mark Hensel of the state Fish and Game Department said the 63-year-old from Somersworth, N.H., was hunting in Ossipee on the first day of the muzzleloader deer season.

Horse slaughter cases puzzle authorities

FL MIAMI — She was a bay — a dark brown thoroughbred. She had a shiny coat and new horseshoes, all signs someone took good care of her.

But the 3- or 4-year-old horse was found cut in pieces along a rural roadside in southwest Miami-Dade, Fla., a spokesman for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty for Animals said.

It was the latest horse slaughtered — possibly for her meat — in a rash of such killings this year in Miami-Dade and Broward counties.

"It was a pretty brutal scene," said Richard Couto, a board of directors investigator with the SPCA. "I love horses, and going to a scene like that and seeing one in 10 to 15 pieces, it's difficult."

It was not known whether any horses had been reported missing in South Florida.

Two neighbors contacted the SPCA when they came across the scene while taking their own horses for a pleasure ride. The remains were scattered across hundreds of feet, and the back legs of the horse were missing.

The number of horses killed since January now stands at 21, Couto said.

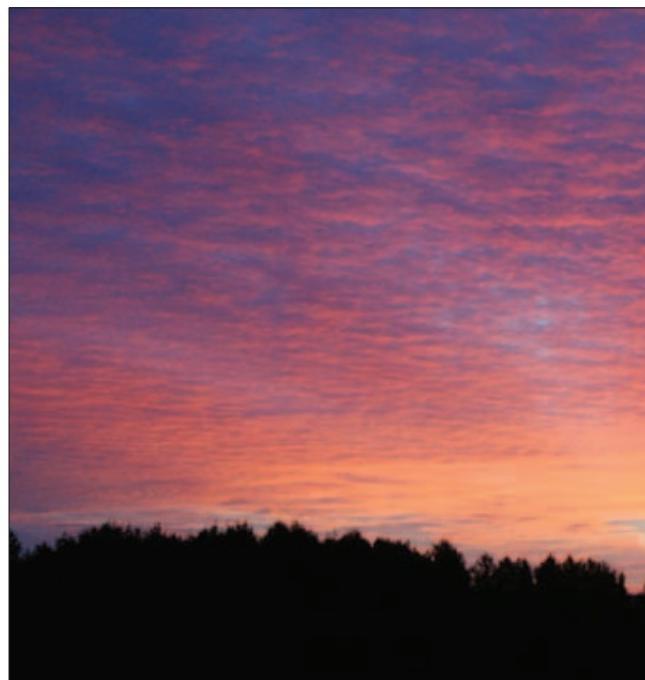
Brown University student dies after fall

RI PROVIDENCE — Brown University officials have said a student who was studying in China has died after falling from the rooftop terrace of a Beijing apartment building.

Officials said they learned about the death of junior Arun Stewart, of Dallas from Chinese authorities.

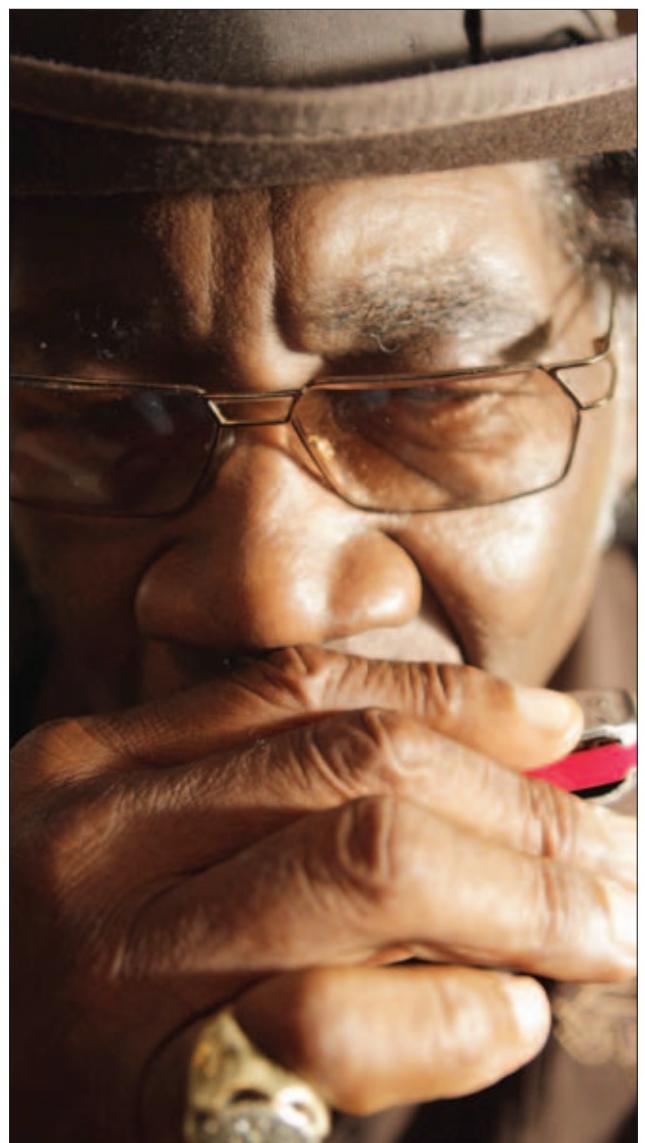
President Ruth Simmons said in a message to the campus community that Stewart lost his footing and fell while he was attending a recent gathering of friends.

Stewart had been studying in China for a year and was pursuing a bachelor's degree in East Asian Studies.



Clouds are colored by the early

Morning color scheme



A story and a song

Blues artist Big George Brock plays his harmonica at his St. Louis home. At 77, Brock is a storyteller and respected musician, who grew up in Mississippi, played music with Muddy Waters in Brock's mother's backyard during fish fries, worked as a sharecropper in cotton fields, became a boxer and, of course, played the blues.

Horoscope

If you've meandered off of your so-called "five-year plan" lately, it's time to get back on track. Neptune goes direct in Aquarius, resetting our dreams, fantasies and projections. As for your wandering experiences, they've all contributed to the big picture, so regret would be silly. Be proud of your diversity as you straighten out your course.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(Nov. 4). You support your loved ones without stipulating that their choices satisfy you. Because you understand and embody the true nature of love, it will be showered on you through the year. The next four weeks bring an important connection. In December, you'll catch a professional break. January brings a windfall. Cancer and Aries people adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Few will agree with your ideas today, but that doesn't matter. It's not the number of votes but the weight of those votes that will make a difference. One devoted partner will be enough. Together you'll change the world.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You're trying to do something that requires a great deal of power. Remember that you don't have to make it happen in a single burst. Use time as a tool. Even something as soft as water can crumble a mountain.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). For giving means forgetting. There is no forgiveness where there is still memory of the wrong done to you, because as long as you recall, a piece of you is still holding out. When you pardon someone, do it all the way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your stars align to create powerful momentum. Now that you've got the ball rolling, make sure it keeps going the right way. Keep your eye on the goal. A coach (ideally a Taurus) will help you stay on track.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In life,

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you can either act or react. Today, be an actor — you'll have consistently better results. Think about what you want to happen, and align your efforts accordingly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Jane Austen said, "We all love to instruct, though we can teach only what is not worth knowing." That's why you wisely choose to teach by example. And more people are watching than you think.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22).

Go out and you'll have a blast. Social gatherings are a stage on which you can show off your exquisite taste. Be bold, for your place at the table of the aesthetically inclined is assured.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

A friend relates curious news. There may be an opportunity for you in this juicy nugget. Don't jump to conclusions, but take a moment to think about where you'd like this to go. The situation is malleable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Taking a chance on love doesn't have to mean buying flowers for a co-worker or saying yes to a blind date. It could be something as simple as returning a smile. Tonight brings communication from afar.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

You will be tempted to feel jealous of a friend's success. Resist it. Instead, take your friend's good fortune as a sign that your turn is coming up. And keep getting ready to embrace your destiny.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Read the omens. If someone is difficult to get ahold of now, he or she will be difficult to get ahold of later, too. Leave a situation that has no sense of flow to find a better match.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

The past isn't over. You'll get the chance to right a past wrong. You'll either be forgiving someone or asking to be forgiven. Completing this cycle puts you in touch with divine energy.

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Difficulty: Medium

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

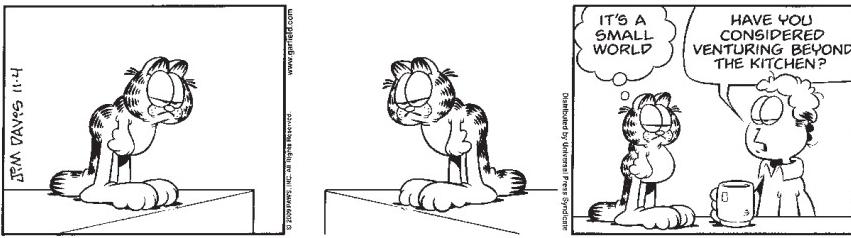
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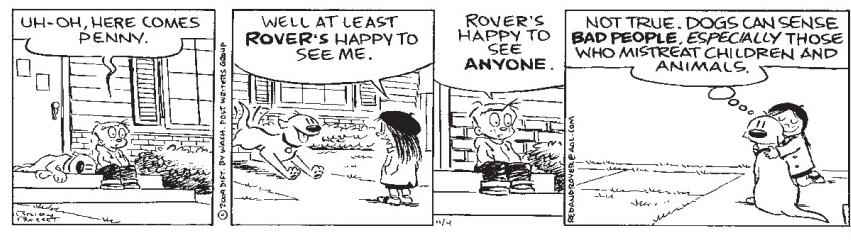
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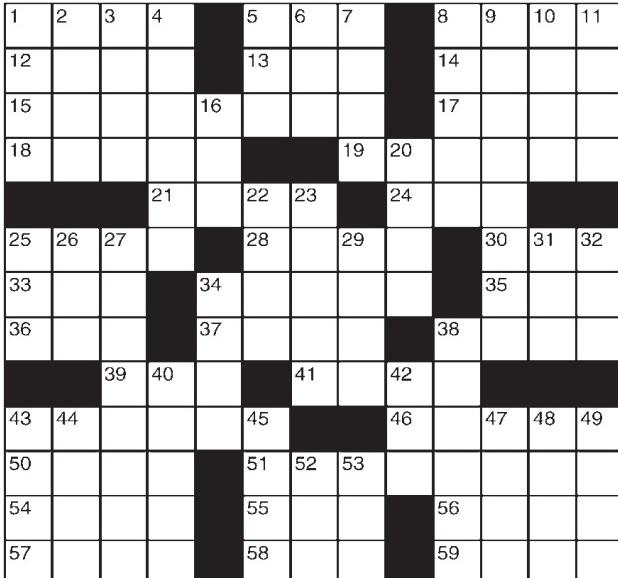
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**Eugene Sheffer Crossword****ACROSS**

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 8 "Without delay"
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 12 A Katzenjammer kid
 13 Commotion
 14 NASA's "Forget it"
 15 "Oh, really?"
 17 PC picture
 18 Mar
 19 Harm
 21 Peruse
 24 Toothpaste type
 25 Bit of banter
 28 Ark builder
 30 Caustic solution
 33 Past
 34 Line dance?
 35 Wet wriggler
 36 Feathery accessory
 37 "— Karenina"
 38 Leading man?
 39 Siesta
 41 Geological periods
 43 Acts the moocher
 46 Shelter from the sun
 50 Astrologer's bear
 51 Barely mediocre
 54 Laugh-a-minute
 55 St.
 56 Passenger Parks
 57 Facility
 58 Skillet
- 59 Spuds' buds

DOWN

- 1 Anything but that
 2 Nasty stinger
 3 Grooving on
 4 Unisex garb
 5 Cudgel
 6 Billboards
 7 Suitable
 8 Japanese cartooning style
 9 Commonly named
 10 Highly excited
 11 Southern bread
 16 Hearty brew
 20 Mideast VIP
 22 Shortly
 23 "Death Be Not Proud" poet
 25 Poke
 26 "I" strain
 27 Unspecified people
 29 Culture medium
 31 Verily
 32 46-Across provider
 34 Feature of a Batsuit
 38 Off the boat
 40 Marble type
 42 Donkey
 43 Remedy
 44 Met melody
 45 Break suddenly
 47 "Hi, sailor"
 48 Teaspoonful, at times
 49 Greek vowels
 52 Eggs
 53 X rating?

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE OLD BAKER STOPPED WORKING AT THE DOUGHNUT SHOP AFTER HE GOT FED UP WITH THE HOLE BUSINESS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals T

Smitten guy ignores grandpa

Dear Abby: My wife and I were visiting our children and grandson, "Rhett," age 24. Rhett is a college student who lives at home. He had his girlfriend, "Peggy," who lives in another town, at the house for the weekend.

Rhett and Peggy returned to his room early in the evening. When we saw them at breakfast, they were, basically, uncommunicative. Shortly after, they went to the backyard and immediately climbed into the hammock, where they lay like tightly wound dishrags for the next two hours until it was time for us to leave. Our son and his wife did not awaken them to say goodbye, so we concluded that they had been exhausted by the previous night's activities.

Is this normal behavior in today's world? We realize that we may be "old fogeys" by current standards, but isn't there any line drawn anymore? My son and his

wife acted like this was all perfectly fine.

— Invisible Grandpa in Arkansas

Dear Grandpa: Whether Rhett's behavior — and his parents' tolerance of it — is "fine" in today's world depends upon the standards in that household. However, there are "family manners" and "company manners." From your description of the goings-on during your visit, and that no effort was made to spend any quality time with you, I'd say your grandson's behavior was just plain rude.

That said, Rhett was not entirely to blame. Some fault lies with your son and his wife for tolerating your being ignored and not insisting that you be treated with more courtesy and respect.

Dear Abby: My brother, "Jeff," has not communicated with any of the family — parents or siblings — for two years. Nobody knows why. We grew up a

close-knit family with lots of love and affection.

About six years ago, Jeff moved with his wife and children to a different state. During the first few years, he stayed in touch via phone calls and e-mails, but suddenly all communication ceased. We know where he lives and have tried contacting him through letters, phone calls and e-mails, but he will not respond. Our parents are devastated and none of us knows what to do.

We have so many questions: Is Jeff hiding something? Is he ill? How are the children? What do we do, Abby? Please help.

— Family in Pain

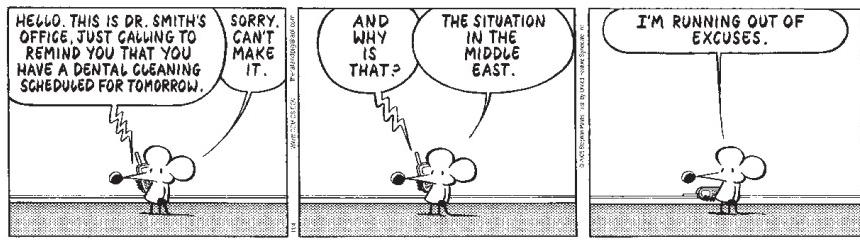
Dear In Pain: Because you have tried everything else, only one thing is left. If at all possible, your parents and the sibling who was closest to Jeff should schedule a visit to the city in which he now resides and pay him a call.

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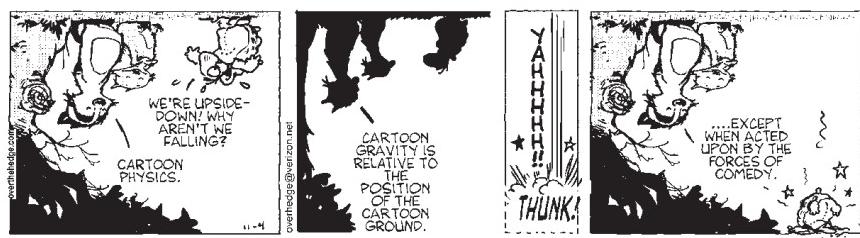
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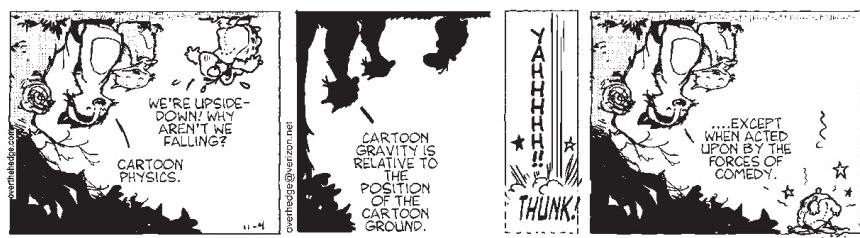
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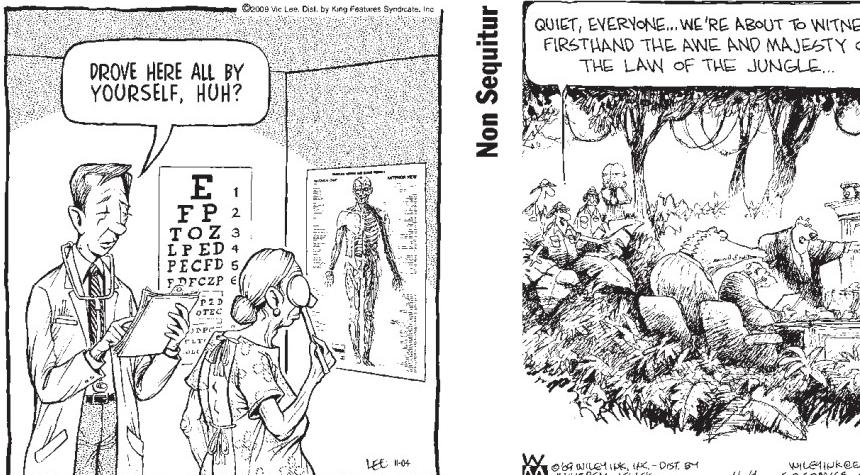
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Over The Hedge



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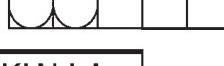
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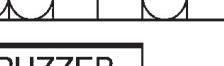


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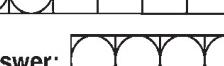
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer:



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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's

Jumbles: LATCH EMPTY PUDDLE BEACON
Answer: What the second base umpire got after the game — HOME "PLATE"

Speed Bump



Strange Brew



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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009

	AFN/prime Atlantic	AFN/family	AFN/movie	AFN/news	AFN/prime Pacific	PENTAGON	AFN/spectrum	AFN/sports	AFN/xtra
15:00	NBC Nightly News	Funniest Home Videos	(-05) Movie "Like Mike" (2002) Lil' Bow Wow, Magic sneakers propel an orphan to a slot in the NBA.	Your World With Neil Cavuto	Days of our Lives	AFN Europe Report	Design Remix	SportsCenter	Sports
15:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funniest Animals			EXchange on Air	Curb Appeal			
16:00	Sesame Street	(3:50) PokéMon		The Rachel Maddow Show	Oprah Winfrey	Fit For Duty	Top Gear	SportsCenter	
16:30		(-40) Zatch Bell				Battleground			
17:00	The View	The Fairly OddParents	Movie Mob	Around the Services	Wheel of Fortune	Today's Air Force	King of the Hill		Sports
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	At the Movies	Tavis Smiley	Jeopardy!	Recon	That '70s Show		X Play
18:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Dailies	Nightly Business Report	World News-Gibson	Around the Services	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		Yo Momma
18:30		Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight	Nightline	Downrange	The Colbert Report			The Simpsons
19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	True Jackson, VP Jungle, Naturally, Sadie	Movie "The Bourne Identity" (2002, Suspense) Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Chris Cooper.	The O'Reilly Factor	NUMB3RS "Trouble in Chinatown"	Week-Pentagon	Dancing With the Stars		Family Guy
19:30					FNG Useful benefits.				WWE Monday Night Raw
20:00	Access Hollywood	Summerland "What's Past Is Prologue"	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	The Game	Briefing Encore				
20:30	The King of Queens			'Til Death	Fit For Duty				
21:00	The Young and the Restless	Beverly Hills, 90210 Brenda moves back.	(-15) Movie "Dan in Real Life" (2007) Steve Carell. An advice columnist falls for his brother's girlfriend.	Today	The Jay Leno Show	Battleground	The Superstars		The Salt 'N Pepa Show
21:30						Recon Revisited			Bully Beatdown
22:00	General Hospital	Degrassi: TNG		Today	Pacific Report	Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Burning"		SportsNation
22:30		Strange Days			The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Pacific Report	Friends		
23:00	Days of our Lives	7th Heaven "Suspicion"	(-10) Movie "Hangin' With the Homeboys" (1991)	America's Newsroom	Briefing Encore	Daily Show- Jon Stewart			
23:30					Late Show-Letterman	USARJ This Week	The Colbert Report		Attack of the Show!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009

00:00	Oprah Winfrey	True Jackson, VP Jungle, Naturally, Sadie	(11:10) Movie "Hangin' With the Homeboys" (1991, Comedy)	Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	The Grill Sergeants	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
00:30					The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Downrange			
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	Summerland "What's Past Is Prologue"	Movie "Deep Blue Sea" (1999) Thomas Jane, Saffron Burrows. Smart sharks turn a research lab's staff into fish food.	MSNBC Live	This Week in the Pentagon	Battlestar Galactica "Day-break" (Part 2 of 2)			X Play
1:30	Jeopardy!		Judge Judy	Happening Now	House "Don't Ever Change"	Fit For Duty			Yo Momma
2:00	Headline News	Beverly Hills, 90210 The Little Fish" Brenda moves back.	Recon						The Simpsons
2:30	ATS/AFN Report				Around the Services				Family Guy
3:00	NUMB3RS "Trouble in Chinatown"	Degrassi: Next Generation	(2:55) Movie "The Bourne Identity" (2002) Matt Damon. An amnesiac agent is marked for death after a botched hit.	Newsroom	Oprah Winfrey	Downrange	Close to Home "Meth Murders"		WWE Monday Night Raw
3:30	Strange Days-Blake Hooley				Today's Air Force				
4:00	The Game	7th Heaven "Suspicion"	MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil	Recon Revisited	Seinfeld "The Burning"			
4:30	'Til Death "Speed Bumps"				State Dept Briefing	Friends			
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Teletubbies	(-10) Movie "Dan in Real Life" (2007) Steve Carell.	Studio B With Shepard Smith	Final Score	Battleground	Namaste Yoga		The Salt 'N Pepa Show
5:30		Rolie Polle Olie	Headline News		Around the Services	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	College Football Live		Bully Beatdown
6:00	Headline News	Sesame Street	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Good Morning America	Army Newswatch	Giaida at Home	Sports		SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
6:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien				This Week in the Pentagon	Cooking-Sandra Lee	Jim Rome Is Burning		
7:00	Bear in the Big Blue House	Movie Mob	Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	Downrange	E! News Entertainment news,	Around the Horn		Attack of the Show!
7:30	Late Show With David Letterman	Raggs			Around the Services	The Daily 10	Pardon the Interruption		
8:00		Dora the Explorer	At the Movies	Sesame Street	Briefing Encore	ER "Dream House"			MTV Hits Playlist
8:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Ni Hao, Kai-lan	Hollywood Dailies		FNG Useful benefits.				
9:00		The Backyardigans	Entertainment Tonight	NBC Nightly News	The View	Fit For Duty	Desperate Housewives "Art Isn't Easy"		
9:30	Judge Judy	Curious George	Movie "The Brooke Ellison Story" (2004) Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, John Slattery.		Around the Services	State Dept Briefing	Grey's Anatomy "Let the Truth Sting"		
10:00	House "Don't Ever Change"	Peep-Big World	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Dr. Phil	Recon Revisited	Judge Judy			
10:30		Super Why!			State Dept Briefing	Judge Alex			
11:00	Oprah Winfrey	Curious George	The Dr. Oz Show		AFN Europe Report				
11:30		The Backyardigans			Anderson Cooper 360	Access Hollywood	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Face Lift"		
12:00	Dr. Phil	Ni Hao, Kai-lan			The King of Queens	Recon			
12:30		Dora the Explorer			Fit For Duty	Challenge			
13:00	CBS Evening News	Raggs	(12:50) Movie "Bridge Jones's Diary" (2001) Renée Zellweger, Colin Firth, Hugh Grant.	Special Report With Bret Baier	The Young and the Restless	Battleground			
13:30	ESPNNEWS	Bear in the Big Blue House			Around the Services	Challenge			
14:00	Prime News Tonight	Sesame Street	Campbell Brown	General Hospital	Briefing Encore	Emeril Live			
14:30					Downrange				
15:00	NBC Nightly News	Funniest Home Videos	Your World With Neil Cavuto	Days of our Lives	AFN Europe Report	Ground Breakers			
15:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funniest Animals			Recon	Color Splash			
16:00	Sesame Street	(3:50) PokéMon	The Rachel Maddow Show	Oprah Winfrey	Fit For Duty	Top Gear			
16:30		(-40) Zatch Bell			Battleground				
17:00	The View	Behind the Scenes							
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Around the Services	Wheel of Fortune	The American Veteran	King of the Hill			
18:00	Dr. Phil	Entertainment Studios.com	Tavis Smiley	Jeopardy!	Recon Revisited	That '70s Show			
18:30		SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Dailies	Nightly Business Report	World News-Gibson	Around the Services	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		
19:00	Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight	Nightline		Around the Services	Downrange	The Colbert Report		
19:30	The Dr. Oz Show	Sonny With a Chance	The O'Reilly Factor	American Dad	Today's Air Force	Dancing With the Stars			
20:00		Zoey 101		Family Guy	Ft. Hood on Track				
20:30	Access Hollywood	American Dreams "Another Saturday Night"	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Hawthorne "Healing Time"	Briefing Encore	Southern Belles: Louisville "New Beginnings"			
21:00	The King of Queens		House of Saddam	A patient with dementia.	Fit For Duty				
21:30	The Young and the Restless	Beverly Hills, 90210 Brandon and Steve enter rush week.	Today	The Jay Leno Show	Battleground	Desperate Housewives "If It's Only in Your Head"			
22:00	General Hospital	Degrassi: Next Generation			Air Force Football				
22:30		Strange Days-Blake Hooley							
23:00	Days of our Lives	7th Heaven "Drunk"	America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Bookstore"			
23:30				The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Pacific Report	Friends			
					Briefing Encore	Daily Show- Jon Stewart			
				Pirates-Worlds	Late Show-Letterman	This Week in the Pentagon	The Colbert Report		

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00:00	Oprah Winfrey	Sonny With a Chance	(11:30) Movie "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" (2007) Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Jack Sparrow's friends join forces to save him.	Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Tour of Duty	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
00:30		Zoey 101			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Downrange			
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	American Dreams "Another Saturday Night"			EXchange on Air	The Starter Wife "Her Old Man and the Sea"			X Play
1:30	Jeopardy!				Judge Judy	Fit For Duty			Yo Momma
2:00	Headline News	Beverly Hills, 90210 Brandon and Steve enter rush week.			House "No More Mr. Nice Guy" House and Amber argue.	Today's Air Force			The Simpsons
2:30	ATS/AFN Report					Around the Services			Family Guy
3:00	American Dad	Degrassi: Next Generation			Oprah Winfrey	Downrange			The Ultimate Fighter
3:30	Family Guy	Strange Days-Blake Hooley				This Week in the Pentagon			
4:00	Hawthorne "Healing Time"	7th Heaven "Drunk"			Dr. Phil	The Grill Sergeants	Seinfeld "The Bookstore"		Gotti's Way
4:30	A patient with dementia.					State Dept Briefing	Friends		Harlem Heights
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Teletubbies			Studio B With Shepard Smith	Final Score	Battleground		Rock of Love With Bret Michaels
5:30		Rolie Polle Olie	(-35) House of Saddam			Headline News	Around the Services	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	College Football Live

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Yokota, Japan - 2000 RX7 Beast from the East. Or me? What? Well, I can't really honestly say that to the guys at the Mazda Dealer my RX7 is top notch! Excellent condition! No Leaks. No Probs. what ever. This car sold for \$30K (\$300,000 Yen) in 2000 is now valued at about 18-20K. will sell for \$1,000 or best offer. BUT... if you want to own it, don't leave RX7! It takes quite a bit of up-keep to keep this baby happy but trust me she gives a lot in return. This is by far the fastest car I have ever driven but that's just me. JCI until July 2011 asking \$11,000 OBO. Please call 080-3588-0119

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Suzuki Wagon R (Yellow Plate) This car has been good to me but it is time to move on. It may look small but it is very roomy and great for little road trips and a family car. The only thing aftermarket is a HID (High Intensity Discharge) Lights that work like a charm and light up the road at night. The car has almost 88000km on it and still runs great. I just recently had the Spark Plugs changed, new distributor w/ rotor, and all the fluids changed. This car is also in great condition. It does have some up-keep. So, if it does have some up-keep, it is well worth the price. JCI until March 2012 asking \$3,000 OBO. Please call 080-473-8157 -email: james.r.guest@us.army.mil or jimguest.injapan@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1991 Nissan Laurel. Great full size sedan with Kuroki leather interior. Replaced 2 tires, windshield wipers. Upholstery shows some wear and tear but car still runs in great condition. It's only needed a few tune-ups and AC and heater work great! JCI until March 2010 asking \$400 OBO please call 214-261-6421 or email prodigies18@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Nissan 300Z 5 Speed. Performance Exhaust, Premium Stereo System, Clean Interior & Paint, JCI March 2010 asking \$1200 OBO. Please call 214-261-6352 or 080-6657-9171 or email windfor@gmail.com

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NHL roundup

Jackets rally past Capitals

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Both times the Columbus Blue Jackets fell behind in the third period, Raffi Torres bailed them out.

Torres' second goal of the period with 23 seconds left sent the game to overtime and R.J. Umberger got his second of the game 1:45 into the extra period to lift the Blue Jackets to a 5-4 victory over the Washington Capitals on Sunday night.

"He stepped up for sure," Columbus' Rick Nash said of Torres. "That first one was huge. Good battle down low, good wrap-around."

Capitals star Alex Ovechkin left the game with an injury in the second period, and his teammates tried to use his absence for motivation in the third period.

"It was kind of a rallying cry," said Quintin Laing, who scored his first goal of the season in the third. "We wanted to prove this team isn't about one guy, it's about a team, and we wanted to show people we can come back."

Columbus led 2-1 going into the final period, but fell behind after Brooks Laich scored twice in a span of 2:08 midway through the third. Torres answered Laich's two goals by tying the game at 3 with a wraparound at 13:36.

Laing regained the lead for Washington with 3:26 left in the third, but Torres tied it again in the final minute.

"I thought we played a pretty good third," Capitals center Brendan Morrison said. "We rallied and did a lot of good things offensively, and then we just go and shoot ourselves in the foot. It is frustrating because it was a game we should have won."

Ovechkin was involved in a shoving match in front of the Blue Jackets bench barely a minute into the second period. A few minutes later, Ovechkin was tangled up with Columbus left wing Raffi Torres and fell to the ice. After he got up, he grimaced and gingerly skated off the ice, heading straight to the locker room.

After the game, Ovechkin declined to comment on the nature of the injury, other than calling it "upper body."

"I can't tell you how I got hurt," he said. "It's day-to-day."

Nash scored the Blue Jackets' first goal at the 5-minute mark of



LUIS M. ALVAREZ/AP

The Washington Capitals' Alex Ovechkin (8) is restrained by a referee during an altercation with Columbus' Jared Boll, not pictured, during the second period Sunday in Washington. Ovechkin left later with an upper body injury, and the Blue Jackets won 5-4 in overtime.

the second period. He sped past defenseman Mike Green and then put a move on goalie Jose Theodore for his seventh goal in seven career games against Washington.

Nash also had two assists. He set up Umberger's overtime winner, and had a hand in a fluke play that led to Umberger's first goal.

On a power play, Nash dumped the puck into the Capitals zone down the right side. As Theodore went behind the net to play the puck, it appeared to bounce off a seam in the boards back in front of the goal and Umberger put it into the empty net.

"It's a big win, but we've still got a lot of work to do," Nash said. "When we play on the road, we can't be taking too many penalties. We made some defensive errors when the game was tied. Just got to sharpen up those areas."

Ovechkin missed all of the late action after leaving the game at the 6:10 mark of the second period, but he was in the middle of things as the second period started.

During a break in play barely a minute into the period, Ovechkin was bumped by Columbus left wing Jason Chimera. Ovechkin responded with a shove and players from both teams skated over to the scrum.

Ovechkin, Chimera and Blue Jackets right wing Jared Boll all received minors for rough-

ing, and Boll was also issued a misconduct.

Ovechkin downplayed the incident afterward.

"It was just a moment of the game," Ovechkin said. "Nothing happened. He just hit me, I hit him, there was a little battle there, nothing happened."

Chimera said the scuffle was a result of a hard hit by Ovechkin earlier in the game.

"He kind of threw a punch at me, and then Boller kind of got into it and it was a mess. I hope he's all right," Chimera said. "There was no intent to hurt somebody out there. He just hit me pretty hard that one shift, so I just let him know 'You're not going to hit me like that all game,' so I pushed him a bit, he punched me back in the face, and a couple shifts later he's off the ice, so I hope he's all right."

Canucks 3, Avalanche 0: At Vancouver, Mason Raymond and Ryan Kesler each had a goal and an assist and Andrew Raycroft made 18 saves to lead Vancouver.

Tanner Glass rounded out the scoring midway through the third period as the Canucks won for the sixth time in the past seven home games.

Craig Anderson made 17 saves but the Western Conference-leading Avalanche lost consecutive games in regulation for the first time.

NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
GP	W	L	OT	
Pittsburgh	14	11	3	0
N.Y. Rangers	15	9	5	1
New Jersey	12	8	4	0
Philadelphia	11	6	4	5
N.Y. Islanders	13	4	4	5
Buffalo	11	8	2	1
Montreal	14	7	7	0
Ottawa	12	6	4	2
Boston	13	6	6	1
Toronto	11	1	7	4
Washington	14	8	2	4
Tampa Bay	11	4	3	4
Atlanta	10	5	4	1
Florida	12	4	7	1
Carolina	13	2	8	3

Southeast Division

Southeast Division				
GP	W	L	OT	
Washington	14	8	2	4
Tampa Bay	11	4	3	4
Atlanta	10	5	4	1
Florida	12	4	7	1
Carolina	13	2	8	3

Western Conference

Central Division				
GP	W	L	OT	
Chicago	13	8	4	1
Columbus	13	7	5	1
Nashville	13	6	6	1
Detroit	12	5	4	3
St. Louis	12	5	6	1

Northwest Division

Northwest Division				
GP	W	L	OT	
Colorado	15	10	3	2
Vancouver	15	8	7	0
Calgary	12	7	4	1
Edmonton	14	7	6	1
Minnesota	14	5	9	0

Pacific Division

Pacific Division				
GP	W	L	OT	
San Jose	15	10	4	1
Phoenix	15	9	4	0
Los Angeles	14	8	4	2
Dallas	14	6	3	5
Anaheim	12	4	6	2

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.	
Saturday's games	
Boston 2, Edmonton 0	
Philadelphia 6, Carolina 1	
Atlanta 3, Ottawa 1	
New Jersey 2, Tampa Bay 1, SO	
Montreal 5, Toronto 4, SO	
N.Y. Islanders 5, Buffalo 0	
Minnesota 2, Pittsburgh 1	
Florida 4, St. Louis 0	
Nashville 4, Dallas 2	
Phoenix 3, Anaheim 2, SO	
Detroit 3, Calgary 1	
Sunday's games	
N.Y. Rangers 1, Boston 0	
San Jose 5, Carolina 1	
Columbus 5, Washington 4, OT	
Vancouver 3, Colorado 0	
Monday's games	
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia	
Edmonton at N.Y. Islanders	
Los Angeles at Phoenix	
Tuesday's games	
Boston at Detroit	
Tampa Bay at Toronto	
Atlanta at Montreal	
N.Y. Rangers at Vancouver	
Pittsburgh at Anaheim	
Sunday	
Rangers 1, Bruins 0	
Boston 0, 0-0-0	
N.Y. Rangers 0, 1-0-1	
Second Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 11 (Prosper, Staal), 15:51.	
Shots on Goal—Boston 8-7-14—29. N.Y. Rangers 11-6-6—23.	
Power-play opportunities—Boston 0 of 5; N.Y. Rangers 0 of 2.	
Goalies—Boston, Thomas, 45-50 (23 shots—22 saves). N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 8-4-1 (29-29).	
A—18,200 (18,200). T—2:15.	

NHL calendar

Jan. 1 — Winter Classic: Philadelphia Flyers vs. Boston Bruins in Fenway Park.

Feb. 15-Feb. 28 — Olympic break.

April 11 — Regular season ends.

NHL scoreboard

Sharks 5, Hurricanes 1			
San Jose	0	3	2-5
Carolina	0	1	0-1
Second Period—1, Carolina, Sutter 2 (Harrison, LaRose); 2:48, 2, San Jose, Huskins 1 (Demers, Clowe); 4:05, 3, San Jose, Staubitz 2 (Shelley, Couture); 5:27, 4, San Jose, Murray 1 (Thornton, Clowe), 14:52.			
Third Period—5, San Jose, Vlasic 2 (Marleau, Blake); 4:20, 6, San Jose, Marleau 11 (Thornton, Heatley); 11:12 (pp).			
Shots on Goal—San Jose 9-11-5-25. Carolina 8-5-13-26.			
Power-play opportunities—San Jose 1 of 5; Carolina 0 of 3.			
Goalies—San Jose, Nabokov 9-3-1 (26 shots—25 saves). Carolina, C.Ward 2-7-3 (25-20).			
A—15,089 (18,680). T—2:19.			

Blue Jackets 5, Capitals 4 (OT)

Columbus	0	2	2	1-5
Washington	1	0	3	0-4
First Period—1, Washington, Backstrom 4 (Fleischmann, Semin), 12:13.				
Second Period—2, Columbus, Nash 9 (Tyutin, Chimera), 5:03, 3, Columbus, Umberger 3 (Nash, Stralman), 19:10 (pp).				
Third Period—4, Washington, Laich 5 (Poti, Semin); 8:15 (pp). 5, Washington, Laich 6 (Morrison, Green), 10:23, 6, Columbus, Umberger 3 (Nash, Stralman), 13:36, 7, Washington, Laing 1 (Steckel, Bradley), 16:34, 8, Columbus, Torres 6 (Brassard, Voracek), 19:37.				
Overtime—9, Columbus, Umberger 4 (Nash, Voracek), 1:45 (pp).				
Shots on Goal—Columbus 11-8-11-2—32, Washington 13-11-12-0—36.				
Power-play opportunities—Columbus 2 of 6; Washington 1 of 5.				
Goalies—Columbus, Mason 6-4-1 (36 shots—32 saves). Garon (17:36 third, 0-0, Mason 6-4-1 (19:37 third). Washington, Theodore 3-2-4 (32-27).				
A—18,277 (18,277). T—2:36.				

Canucks 3, Avalanche 0

Colorado	0	0	0
Vancouver	1	1	3
First Period—1, Vancouver, Raymond 5 (Edler, Kesler), 11:05.			
Second Period—2, Vancouver, Kesler 5 (Salo, Raymond), 6:28.			
Third Period—3, Vancouver, Glass 1 (Ryplik), 9:25.			
Shots on Goal—Colorado 6-7-5-18. Vancouver 4-8-8-20.			
Power-play opportunities—Colorado 0 of 3; Vancouver 0 of 3.			
Goalies—Colorado, Anderson 10-3-2 (20 shots—17 saves). Vancouver, Raycroft 2-1-0 (18-18).			
A—18,810 (18,630). T—2:13.			

Colorado's Chris Durno, right, keeps a close eye on the puck while jostling for position with the Vancouver Canucks' Mikael Samuelsson in Vancouver on Sunday.

THE CANADIAN PRESS, SAM LEUNG/AP

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SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Pro soccer

MLS playoffs

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Semifinals

Columbus vs. Real Salt Lake

Real Salt Lake 1, Columbus 0

Thursday: Real Salt Lake at Columbus

Chicago vs. New England

Sunday: New England 2, Chicago 1

Saturday: New England at Chicago

Championship

Thursday, Nov. 12: Semifinal winners

Saturday, Nov. 14: Semifinal winners

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Semifinals

Los Angeles vs. Chivas USA

Sunday: Los Angeles 2, Chivas USA 2,

Sunday, Nov. 8: Chivas USA at Los Angeles

Houston vs. Seattle

Houston 0, Seattle 0, tie

Sunday, Nov. 8: Seattle at Houston

Championship

Thursday, Nov. 12: Semifinal winners

Saturday, Nov. 14: Semifinal winners

MLS Cup

at Seattle

Sunday, Nov. 22: Conference champions

Sunday

Revolution 2, Fire 1

Chicago 1, New England 1 0-1

First half—1, Chicago, Rolfe 7, 17th

minute, 2, New England, Osei 1 (Mansally), 46th+.

Second half—3, New England, Joseph

9 (Phelan, Larentowicz), 75th.

Goalies—Chicago, Jon Busch; New

England, Matt Reis.

Yellow Cards—Alston, New England,

41st; Husicic, Chicago, 96th+.

A—7,416 (68,756).

Galaxy 2, Chivas USA 2

Los Angeles 2, Chivas USA 1 0-2

First half—1, Chivas USA, Santos 2 (Kilestan), 4th minute, 2, Los Angeles, Magaez 3, 14th, 3, Los Angeles, Donovan 13, 42nd.

Second half—4, Chivas USA, Galindo 51st.

Goalies—Los Angeles, Donovan Ricketts; Chivas USA, Zach Thornton.

Yellow Cards—Birchall, Los Angeles, 28th; Saragosa, Chivas USA, 82nd.

A—25,218 (27,000).

Deals

Sunday's transactions

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA—Fined New York F Al Harrington \$25,000 for publicly criticizing game officials on Oct. 30.

INDIANA PACERS—Exercised contract options on C Roy Hibbert and G Brandon Rush.

National Hockey League

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Assigned F Jason Krog to Chicago (AHL).

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Assigned D Tyson Strachan and C Yan Stastny to Peoria (AHL).

AP spotlight

Nov. 4

1960 — Wilt Chamberlain of Philadelphia scores 44 points and sets an NBA record by missing all 10 of his free throws as the Warriors beat the Detroit Pistons 136-121.

1962 — Sonny Randle of the St. Louis Cardinals catches 16 passes for 256 yards and a touchdown in a 31-28 loss to the New York Giants.

1976 — Baseball holds its first free agent draft with 24 players from 13 major league clubs participating. Reggie Jackson eventually signs the most lucrative contract of the group, \$2.9 million over five years with the New York Yankees.

2000 — In the highest-scoring Division I-AA game in NCAA history, Ricky Ray passes for 344 yards and three touchdowns and scores three TDs to lead Sacramento State over Cal State Northridge 64-61.

Friday's score

Matthew C. Perry def. E.J. King 21-23,

15-25, 25-20, 25-19, 15-11

College hockey

Sunday's scores

EAST

Air Force 4, Canisius 1

Merrimack 2, Boston College 3

SOUTH

Bemidji St. 2, Ala.-Huntsville 1, OT

MIDWEST

Minnesota 4, Alaska Anchorage 1

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Vikings quarterback Brett Favre celebrates a Minnesota touchdown Sunday against the Packers during his first visit to Green Bay as an opponent. Favre threw four touchdown passes in the Vikings' victory.

BY COLIN FLY
The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brett Favre's nerves were diminished playing against his former team this time. His resolve to beat the Packers again wasn't.

"We played about as good as we could have played," said Favre, who threw four TD passes to lead the Minnesota Vikings to a 38-26 victory over the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

Favre turned in another memorable performance at Lambeau Field — his first as a visitor — against the franchise he helped resurrect and restore to its Titletown moniker in the 1990s. He's now thrown seven TDs and no interceptions in two victories against the Packers this season.

Favre's consistency has propelled the Vikings to 7-1, and at the season's halfway point, Minnesota has a 2½-game advantage in the NFC North.

"We have had some tough tests, and we have responded very well," said Favre, who finished 17-for-28 for 244 yards. "We are 7-1, and granted, that is very good, but we haven't done anything yet."

Favre's TD binge tied Dan Marino for one of the few records the former Dolphins quarterback still holds with 21 career games of at least four TD tosses.

Two years ago, Favre led Green Bay to 7-1, too. But he failed to add to his only Super Bowl title in

1997 and the Packers lost in overtime in the NFC championship to the New York Giants in what appeared to be his final game at Lambeau in January 2008.

He turned 40 last month but has flourished in his return to an offensive system he thrived in for 16 years with Green Bay.

"There is no such thing as too many good players or too many tools in the tool box," said Vikings coach Brad Childress, who was criticized for his decision to bring Favre in. "I don't know about vindication ... I didn't bring him in to compete. That's what he was going to do at Green Bay. He was going to come in and start, and rightfully so. He's done a great job."

Favre's numbers don't lie.

He now has 16 TD passes against just three interceptions, completing 67.9 percent of his throws. He's on pace to have the fewest interceptions in his career. The career leader never threw fewer than 13 in his 16 years with the Packers.

The Vikings' biggest offseason acquisition also got plenty of help from his crew — first-round pick Percy Harvin had 84 yards receiving and a touchdown on five catches and added 175 return yards.

"The big thing is just hitting the hole and not do a whole lot of dancing," said Harvin, who had a 51-yard TD reception and a 77-yard kick return to keep giving Minnesota a short field to work with. "I just tell them — give me

a hole and I'm going to hit it 100 miles per hour."

Adrian Peterson added several big hits, too, bowing over Packers defenders and contributing 97 yards rushing and a touchdown. But the focus — and circus — was centered squarely on No. 4.

A camera followed him the entire game that fans could watch on a Webcast. A huge crowd of journalists crowded him on the field just after time expired and fans showed their support, or disgust, with his decision to don Vikings purple.

"Hey Favre Halloween is over! Take off that silly purple costume," read one sign held by a man in an Aaron Rodgers' jersey.

But Rodgers, Favre's replacement, could do little to stop the tide despite rallying the Packers with 17 straight points to close the deficit to 24-20 in the second half and later 31-26. Rodgers threw for 287 yards and three TD passes himself, but Green Bay again failed to protect its quarterback.

Rodgers was sacked six times in the rematch after taking eight sacks in Minnesota's 30-23 victory Oct. 5. Jared Allen tormented Rodgers again with three more sacks.

"It's tough to take that many shots," Rodgers said.

Favre silenced a record regular-season crowd of 71,213 that primarily booed him throughout, distributed 17 receptions to seven receivers and was not sacked.

Panthers use ground game to get some revenge

BY BOB BAUM
The Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Carolina earned its revenge. To the Panthers, the boos aimed at the home team by Arizona fans must have sounded oh so sweet.

Carolina literally ran the Cardinals out of their own stadium in a 34-21 victory on Sunday, amassing 270 yards on the ground against a defense that had been ranked No. 1 in the NFL. It was the second-most yards in Panthers history, trailing only 299 against Tampa Bay last season.

"We knew what they were going to do," Cardinals nose tackle Bryan Robinson said, "and we couldn't stop them."

The Cardinals came in on a three-game winning streak, the most recent win a Sunday night road victory over the New York Giants. A sputtering start to the season seemed ancient history.

But they fell flat against a Carolina team eager to make up for last season's 33-13 home playoff loss to Arizona.

"I can't sit here and deny that last year's game didn't have a little bit of a role motivating the guys," said Carolina's Julius Peppers, who returned an interception 13 yards for a touchdown and forced a fumble.

Panthers running back DeAngelo Williams was among those inspired, gaining 158 yards on 23 carries, including a 77-yarder.

"There was a special interest on this game," he said.

No Carolina player needed a victory more than Jake Delhomme.

The struggling Carolina quarterback, whose downward spiral began in that playoff game, threw a 50-yard touchdown pass to Steve Smith before leaving with a chest injury. Delhomme was checked out at a



ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

The Panthers' Jonathan Stewart, right, beats the Cardinals' Antrel Rolle to the edge for a touchdown as teammate Jake Delhomme celebrates. Carolina ran for 270 yards.

hospital before returning to the stadium after the game.

Arizona's Kurt Warner threw five interceptions and fumbled the ball away once.

Coincidentally, Delhomme had five passes intercepted and fumbled once in that playoff loss to the Cardinals. He had a league-worst 13 interceptions this season entering Sunday.

"It is nice we came in and won but we needed it more for the '09 Panthers than to bury it for the '08 Panthers," Delhomme said.

He played a series after he was hurt, then was taken to a hospital for tests. He said that nothing serious was discovered, describing the injury as a "chest contusion."

After throwing three interceptions in last Sunday's home loss to Buffalo, Delhomme had to wait until Wednesday to find out if he still was the starter.

"To say it was the lowest point I ever had as a Panther, probably," he said. "So after a ton of self-searching and soul searching, I was looking forward to going back out there and play, just play."

Delhomme was 7-for-14 for 90 yards, including the first scoring pass to a wide receiver for the Panthers this season.

The statistics weren't impressive, but he made no big mistakes and the Panthers' punishing ground game did the rest.

"They were a desperate team and they came out and outplayed us," Arizona's

Darnell Dockett said. "I have nothing bad to say about them. ... Those running backs did their thing today. They are big-play running backs. Any time they get the ball, they can score."

Jonathan Stewart gained 87 yards on 17 carries for Carolina (3-4), including touchdown runs of 6 and 10 yards.

Warner completed 27 of 46 for 242 yards and two touchdowns. Two of his interceptions were tipped.

"It just seemed like every time the ball was bouncing somewhere, it went into their hands," he said.

Delhomme was hurt on a hard hit by Dockett and Chike Okefor with 5:59 left in the third quarter. He got to his knees, then slowly walked off the field, but was back for the next series before leaving for good.

On the bench, he said he began to feel "a little chilly" and "kind of a little weak." That led to the trip to the hospital.

The Cardinals (4-3) remained in first in the NFC West because San Francisco lost at Indianapolis, but Arizona, at 1-3, has lost more home games than it did all of last season.

"It's very disappointing that we aren't playing better at home right now," coach Ken Whisenhunt said. "We have the same record that we were at this time last year. I still feel like we're a better football team. We just didn't play that way today."

Trailing 28-7 at the half, the Cardinals cut it to 28-14 and 31-21 but could get no closer as John Kasay kicked field goals of 35 and 31 yards in the fourth quarter.

"To come on the road, playing a good football team, one that handled us pretty good in the playoffs a year ago," Carolina coach John Fox said, "it was a big win for a lot of reasons."

NFL scoreboard**American Conference**

	East			West		
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	2	0	.714	198	98
N.Y. Jets	4	4	0	.500	177	134
Miami	3	4	0	.429	176	177
Buffalo	3	5	0	.375	123	169
Indianapolis	7	0	0	1.000	197	91
Houston	5	3	0	.625	198	168
Jacksonville	3	4	0	.429	133	177
Tennessee	1	6	0	.143	114	211
Cincinnati	5	2	0	.714	163	128
Pittsburgh	5	2	0	.714	167	129
Baltimore	4	3	0	.571	199	137
Cleveland	1	7	0	.125	78	209
Denver	6	1	0	.857	140	96
San Diego	4	3	0	.571	185	159
Oakland	2	6	0	.250	78	201
Kansas City	1	6	0	.143	105	181

National Conference

	East			West		
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	5	2	0	.714	203	133
Dallas	5	2	0	.714	197	136
N.Y. Giants	5	3	0	.625	212	183
Washington	2	5	0	.286	96	123
New Orleans	6	0	0	1.000	238	127
Atlanta	4	2	0	.667	144	114
Carolina	3	4	0	.429	128	166
Tampa Bay	0	7	0	.000	96	203
Minnesota	7	1	0	.875	244	174
Green Bay	4	3	0	.571	187	134
Chicago	4	3	0	.571	159	150
Detroit	1	6	0	.143	113	205
Arizona	4	3	0	.571	157	143
San Francisco	3	4	0	.286	147	140
Seattle	2	5	0	.125	135	147
St. Louis	1	7	0	.125	77	221
Sunday's games						
St. Louis, 17, Detroit 10						
Miami, 30, N.Y. Jets 25						
Dallas 38, Seattle 17						
Chicago 30, Cleveland 6						
Baltimore 30, Denver 7						
Houston 31, Buffalo 10						
Indianapolis 18, San Francisco 14						
Philadelphia 40, N.Y. Giants 17						
San Diego 24, Oakland 16						
Tennessee 30, Jacksonville 13						
Minnesota 38, Green Bay 26						
Carolina 34, Arizona 21						
Open: New England, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Kansas City, Washington, Tampa Bay						

Monday's game

Atlanta at New Orleans	Sunday, Nov. 8
Arizona at Chicago	
Washington at Atlanta	
Miami at New England	
Houston at Indianapolis	
Baltimore at Cincinnati	
Green Bay at Tampa Bay	
Kansas City at Jacksonville	
Detroit at Seattle	
Carolina at New Orleans	
San Diego at N.Y. Giants	
Tennessee at San Francisco	
Dallas at Philadelphia	
Open: Buffalo, N.Y. Jets, Oakland, Minnesota, St. Louis, Cleveland	

Monday, Nov. 9

Pittsburgh at Denver	Thursday, Nov. 12
Chicago at San Francisco	Sunday, Nov. 15
Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets	
Tampa Bay at Miami	
Detroit at Minnesota	
Denver at Washington	
New Orleans at St. Louis	
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh	
Buffalo at Tennessee	
Atlanta at Carolina	
Kansas City at Oakland	
Seattle at Arizona	
Dallas at Green Bay	
Philadelphia at San Diego	
New England at Indianapolis	
Open: Houston, N.Y. Giants	

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Chargers handle Raiders yet again

BY BERNIE WILSON
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — There was LaDainian Tomlinson, doing what he always does against the Oakland Raiders.

There was Shawne Merriman, breaking out his "Lights Out" sack dance for the first time since 2007.

And, of course, there were the San Diego Chargers, beating Oakland 24-16 on Sunday, their 13th straight victory over the hapless Raiders. It's the longest active winning streak in a series in the NFL.

Tomlinson led the way with two touchdowns, the first out of the wildcat formation.

The Chargers (4-3) swept the series for the sixth consecutive season. Many Chargers, including quarterback Philip Rivers, have never lost to the Raiders (2-6). It was San Diego's seventh straight home victory over Oakland.

"When I first got here, the intensity and atmosphere of the game, it rubbed me the wrong way," said Tomlinson, who was drafted by the Chargers in 2001. "By beating them 13 times, it means 13 times their fans went home with their heads hanging."

Oakland coach Tom Cable called it "a big hump to get over. We've had two good opportunities this year. Are we closer? Yes. But you don't take anything from it until you get over the hump."

With the Denver Broncos losing 30-7 at Baltimore, the Chargers pulled within two games of the AFC West lead. San Diego is trying to win its fourth straight division title.

Merriman got his first two sacks since 2007, dropping JaMarcus Russell late in the second quarter and again late in the fourth. The outside linebacker has been working his way back from knee surgery that cost him the final 15 regular-season games and both playoff games last year.

"It's one of those things that was long coming," Merriman said. "I don't put as big an emphasis on sacks as everybody else does. But they are important. I realize I've got to go out and make plays and get those sacks in order for us to be a better defense. As long as I'm doing that and putting



DENIS POROY/AP

San Diego's Vincent Jackson catches a pass as Oakland's Chris Johnson defends during Sunday's game.

pressure on the quarterback and forcing him to do things that he doesn't want to do, we're going to be better."

San Diego allowed a season-low 180 yards and had a season-high five sacks. The other outside linebacker, Shaun Phillips, also had two.

The Chargers didn't have to rally to win as they did in the season opener at Oakland, when they were physically beaten up by the Raiders despite taking a 24-20 victory.

Cornerback Antonio Cromartie intercepted Russell's pass when tight end Zach Miller fell down. It was the first pickoff in 20 games for Cromartie, who had 10 in 2007 but dropped off to two last season.

The Chargers' first play from scrimmage was a 53-yard pass from Rivers to Malcom Floyd, who replaced struggling Chris Chambers in the starting lineup. It gave San Diego a first down at the 6. Tomlinson took the direct snap and ran around right end for a 7-0 lead.

Oakland tied it early in the second quarter after Rivers' pass to Vincent Jackson glanced off the receiver's hands and was intercepted by Chris Johnson, who returned it 20 yards to the San Diego 27. Justin Fargas scored on a 3-yard run.

San Diego scored on its next two possessions to go up 21-7. Rivers hit Jackson with an 8-yard TD pass and Tomlinson scored on a 10-yard run.

Rivers was 16 of 25 for 249 yards. Tomlinson had 56 yards on 18 carries. Fargas carried 18 times for 59 yards.

Tomlinson has accounted for 28 TDs against Oakland in his nine-year career: 22 rushing, three receiving and three passing.

The Raiders got field goals of 48, 41 and 28 yards from Sebastian Janikowski.

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Ah! Can't beat winning

Young leads Titans past Jags to snap 8-game skid

BY TERESA M. WALKER
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vince Young felt good but nervous before his first start this season for the Tennessee Titans. He wound up celebrating with his offensive coordinator and getting high grades from the team owner who wanted him back on the job.

And yes, he threw for a touchdown in helping the Titans win their first game this season, routing Jacksonville 30-13 Sunday to snap an eight-game skid dating to last year.

"The year off has helped me a whole lot," Young said. "I put myself in different scenarios at night time. If I go out and make a bad play and they start to boo me and anything that is going to happen, put it in the past and don't worry about that. ... Continue to make plays and show your humbleness and maturity."

He was greeted by cheers, but Young wasn't the highlight of a game the NFL said was the first in league history with four rushing TDs of 50-plus yards.

The Titans (1-6) helped put Young in the best position by focusing on running the ball. Chris Johnson set a franchise record with 228 yards on 24 carries, including TD runs of 52 and 89 yards after Jacksonville had tied it 13-13 in the opening minute of the third quarter.

Jacksonville's Maurice Jones-Drew added TD runs of 80 and 79 yards on the way to gaining 177



JOHN RUSSELL/AP

Tennessee's Nate Washington hauls in a 6-yard TD pass in the second quarter Sunday against the Jacksonville Jaguars.

yards in eight carries.

Coordinator Mike Heimerdinger got Young into a rhythm early with lots of short throws and runs to tap into his mobility. Young also made some nice throws, including a 6-yard TD toss to Nate Washington and a 7-yarder on third down to Kenny Britt to keep alive the drive to the go-ahead touchdown.

Young was 15 of 18 for 125 yards and had 10 runs for 32 yards before two kneel-downs at the end for the Titans' first victory since Dec. 21. He finished with a 114.1 passer rating that was his sec-

ond-highest in a start and highest since 2006 when he was Offensive Rookie of the Year.

It was exactly what owner Bud Adams wanted to see to revive a team coming off a 59-0 shutout at New England, especially for a franchise that must decide whether to keep Young after this season. Young is due a \$4.25 million roster bonus in March with a deal counting \$14.2 million against the salary cap in 2010.

"I think there's some things that happened to him early in his career that didn't let him concentrate on football. I think he realized he needed to work at it hard. And he has shown that," Adams said.

The Tennessee defense helped as well, sacking David Garrard four times and intercepting two of his passes. The Titans hadn't had two interceptions in a game since the season-opening loss at Pittsburgh.

With Johnson running away, Tennessee held the ball for nearly 40 minutes and outgained Jacksonville 430 yards to 330. Not bad for a team that came in last in the NFL in time of possession. Tennessee's 305 yards rushing easily was a season-high.

Jacksonville (3-4) missed a chance to go 3-1 in the AFC South.

"I'm very disappointed to come in here in a game that we had to have, a divisional game, and allow a team to basically cram it down our throats, which they did," Jaguars coach Jack Del Rio said.



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MARK YOUNG/AP

Ryan Newman's car goes airborne during a crash with five laps remaining in the AMP Energy 500 on Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway in Talladega, Ala. NASCAR needed almost 13 minutes to cut Newman out of his car. Mark Martin also went flipping across the track in the final laps, and the race ended under caution with Jamie McMurray in Victory Lane.

NASCAR Sprint Cup

McMurray takes Talladega

Amid anger, airborne cars, driver stops 86-race skid; Johnson tightens grip on fourth consecutive Cup title

By JENNA FRYER
The Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. — NASCAR stopped the bumping, at least for a while.

There was nothing that could be done about the blocking.

In the end, Sunday looked like most every other event at Talladega Superspeedway: There was a surprise winner, two harrowing accidents, angry drivers and fans frustrated over a vanilla race at NASCAR's most spectacular track.

And, by the way, Jimmie Johnson likely sealed his record fourth consecutive championship.

Racing at Talladega comes with a ton of unpredictability because of the horsepower-sapping restrictor plates used to curb speeds at the 2.66-mile speedway. It creates tight packs, and drivers need to use aggressive measures to move through the field.

That usually leads to multi-car accidents known as "the Big One" — and most everyone believes the finishing order is akin to playing the lottery.

"For the most part, you're at the mercy of the whole field,"

five-time Talladega winner Dale Earnhardt Jr. said. "You come here, you just sit in the bus, wait for the damn race to start and see what your number is at the end of the day."

McMurray wound up at the top of the board, snapping an 86-race winless streak dating to July 2007 at Daytona.

"I made the comment ... it's just going to be luck," McMurray said, "whoever can get in the right row and make the moves."

Carl Edwards' airborne crash into the frontstretch fence in April forced NASCAR to cut down on the bumping and blocking that usually triggers the big accidents.

Officials warned at the start of the weekend that they didn't want to see drivers shoving each other around, and proved it by parking Michael Waltrip during a Friday practice when he didn't back off Johnson's bumper.

NASCAR president Mike Helton ramped it up another notch Sunday in a stern pre-race lecture that banned all bumping in the corners. He was peppered with questions from the drivers, but held firm and warned that a victory could be stripped if it was

gained through bump-drafting.

In response, the 43-car field spent much of Sunday in a single-file parade lap that almost looked to be a conscious thumbing of the nose at NASCAR.

Ryan Newman's harrowing crash with five laps to go left him upside down in the grass, and NASCAR needed a stoppage of almost 13 minutes to cut him from the car. Outspoken in the wake of Edwards' crash in April, Newman was none too pleased to have spent almost 15 minutes trapped inside his car.

"It's probably the closest thing to being stuck in a tomb and not being able to get out — all my body weight was pressed up against my head," he said. "I respect NASCAR. I just wish they respected me."

His crash set up a two-lap sprint to the finish, and that was halted when title contender Mark Martin went flipping across the track in a spectacular crash.

The race ended under caution, with McMurray in Victory Lane.

Johnson finished sixth, stretching his lead in the standings to 184 points over Martin with three races remaining.

Steal: Phillies lose edge by trying to be shifty

STEAL, FROM BACK PAGE

first-base side to scoop up catcher Carlos Ruiz's one-hop throw. Damon popped up, realized that third was uncovered and kept on going, displaying the guile gained during 15 major league seasons. He started with a 5-foot lead on Feliz, who couldn't catch up. Lidge started to sprint over from the mound, but gave up a good 25 feet from third base.

"I know that I still have some decent speed left in the tank, but I was just hoping," said the formerly speedy Damon, who turns 36 on Thursday. "I knew Pedro's speed, also. I mean, if it was Chone Figgins, that might have been tough. I just went off of instinct, and fortunately it worked out."

But it's clear the Phillies weren't prepared. They never talked about how they would deal with Damon.

"We never got anybody to say, 'OK, you've got to go in there; you've got to go here,'" Feliz said.

With no one else close, Lidge was the most obvious candidate to cover third.

"It was kind of an unusual play. All of a sudden there's no one at the bag," the closer said. "He's a very heads-up player and was able to take an extra base right there, which was obviously pretty big."

Most runners wouldn't have had the awareness to realize third base was open. Damon ran faster than his legs seemed capable.

"That's instinct. You better be sure because you've got Tex and A-Rod up behind, and you'd better be sure," Yankee manager Joe Girardi said. "It was a great instinct play by Johnny."

Teixeira's at-bat was cut short when he was hit with a pitch by Lidge. Damon could have walked home after Rodriguez delivered the biggest hit of his life, a hard-hit double into the left-field corner. The next batter, Jorge Posada, followed with a two-run single to put the game out of reach.

Mariano Rivera closed it out with a 1-2-3 ninth.

"We've won three games. That's not what we set out to do," Damon said. "When this playoff time started, we set out to win 11 games. We're at 10 and, hopefully, we can get No. 11 tomorrow."

The Phillies face a daunting task; New York lost three in a row only twice after the All-Star break.

"I think we take a lot of pride on being resilient and the way we bounce back," Phils manager Charlie Manuel said. "I've seen us go through it before. We've blown 22 games from the seventh inning on or something this year. That's got to tell you something about the resilience of our team."

The first inning offered a replay, of sorts, when Rodriguez was hit by Blanton's first pitch.

"Third time, it's a little obvious," Rodriguez told Everitt in a comment heard on Fox.

Rodriguez stood around the plate with hands on hips and stared at the Yankees dugout, and Everitt moved onto the grass to prevent any trouble from breaking out. Umpires met near the mound, Everitt issued warnings to both teams and fans chanted



MATT SLOCUM/AP

The New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez, right, is congratulated by Mark Teixeira after Rodriguez scored during the ninth inning against the Philadelphia Phillies on Sunday in Philadelphia. The Yankees won 7-4.

"you used steroids!" at A-Rod.

Derek Jeter led off the night with a single and scored, and later hit an RBI single. The MVP of the 2000 World Series is 7 for 17 this time around.

Phillies slugger Ryan Howard barreled home to score a run. He braced for a collision with Posada and got a piece of the New York catcher. Replays, however, appeared to show Howard didn't touch the plate, yet another missed call in the playoffs for umpires.

Howard kept struggling, and is 3-for-17 with 10 strikeouts. Rodriguez is only 2-for-14, but he could enjoy both hits because they did so much damage.

"We've been down this road before and we have to stay very focused. Those guys are the world champs," Rodriguez said.

World Series

NEW YORK vs. PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia 6, New York 1
New York 3, Philadelphia 5
New York 8, Philadelphia 5

Monday: New York 1, Philadelphia 4,
New York leads series 3-1

Tuesday: Philadelphia (Lee 7-4)
Wednesday: Philadelphia at New York

Thursday: Philadelphia at New York*

*if necessary

Sunday Yankees 7, Phillies 4

New York Philadelphia

	ab	r	h	b1	h	bi	ab	r	h	b1	h	bi
Jeter ss	4	1	2	1	Rollins ss	5	0	1	0	0	0	0
Damon lf	5	2	3	1	Victor cf	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Teixeir 1b	4	1	0	1	Utley 2b	4	1	2	2	0	0	0
ARdrzg 3b	4	1	1	1	Howard 1b	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Posada c	3	0	1	3	Werth rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cano 2b	4	0	1	0	Ibanez lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swisher cf	2	1	0	0	P.Feliz 3b	4	1	3	2	0	0	0
McCarr cf	3	1	0	1	C.Ruiz c	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gardn cf	1	0	0	0	Blanton p	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saathia p	3	0	0	0	B.Frncs ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
DMarte p	0	0	0	0	Park p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chmrln p	0	0	0	0	Madson p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HMatrn ph	1	0	0	0	Lidge p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Martrv p	0	0	0	0	Stairs ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Philadelphia 100 100 110-4 Totals 100 100 110-4

E-Posada (1), Ibanez (1), LOB—New York 7, Philadelphia 7; 2B—Damon (2), A.Rodriguez (1), Victorino (1), Utley (1).

HR—Utley (3), P.Feliz (1), SB—Damon (2), Howard (1). SF—Posada.

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D.Marte H1	1 2/3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Chambr W1-0 BS1-1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Ma.Rivera S-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Philadelphia

Blanton 6 5 4 4 2 7

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Lidge 1 0 1 3 3 0 1 0 0

HBP—by Lidge (Teixeira), by Blanton (A.Rodriguez). T—3:25. A—46,145 (43,647).



SUE OGROCKI/AP

Quarterback Colt McCoy led Texas to a 41-14 thrashing of Oklahoma State on Saturday, a surprisingly one-sided victory over a nationally ranked opponent that boosted Texas to No. 2 in the BCS.

By RALPH D. RUSSO
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Texas took a small step forward in the Bowl Championship Series standings Sunday, and the remaining unbeaten teams held down the first seven spots.

The Longhorns, who beat Oklahoma State 41-14 on Saturday (.9227) jumped from third to second place, ahead of Alabama (.9166) and behind Florida (.9918). It's a cosmetic move. Texas was already in control of its destiny in the BCS championship race.

The Crimson Tide and Gators, if they both remain undefeated, will have to play each other in the Southeastern Conference title game.

Behind the top three were Iowa (.8407), Cincinnati (.8033), TCU (.8008) and Boise State (.7863), all unbeaten and hoping for the Gators, Crimson Tide or Longhorns to slip up.

Alabama faces a stiff test Saturday when LSU travels to Tuscaloosa.

The Horned Frogs hold a slim lead over the Broncos in the race to be this season's BCS buster. Both teams had lopsided victories on Saturday.

Oregon moved up two spots from 10th to eighth place after a 47-20 victory against Southern California. USC dropped seven spots to 12th place.

Notre Dame, which needs nine victories and a top-14 finish in the BCS standings to be eligible for

College Bowl Series standings

		GAMES THROUGH OCT. 31	HARRIS INTERACTIVE	USA TODAY	COMPUTER RANKING
RANK	TEAM	BCS AVE.			
1.	Florida (8-0)	0.9918	1	1	1
2.	Texas (8-0)	0.9227	2	2	3
3.	Alabama (8-0)	0.9166	3	3	3
4.	Iowa (9-0)	0.8407	7	6	2
5.	Cincinnati (8-0)	0.8033	5	7	5
6.	TCU (8-0)	0.8008	6	4	6
7.	Boise State (8-0)	0.7863	4	5	8
8.	Oregon (7-1)	0.7651	8	8	7
9.	LSU (7-1)	0.7121	9	9	9
10.	Georgia Tech (8-1)	0.6287	11	11	10
11.	Penn State (8-1)	0.6166	10	10	12
12.	USC (6-2)	0.5336	12	13	11
13.	Pittsburgh (7-1)	0.4401	15	14	14
14.	Utah (7-1)	0.4226	16	16	13
15.	Houston (7-1)	0.4209	14	15	16
16.	Ohio State (7-2)	0.3784	13	12	21
17.	Miami, Fla. (6-2)	0.3707	17	17	16
18.	Arizona (5-2)	0.2589	21	19	16
19.	Oklahoma St. (6-2)	0.2179	18	18	21
20.	California (6-2)	0.2095	22	23	15
21.	Wisconsin (6-2)	0.1939	24	22	19
22.	Notre Dame (6-2)	0.1903	20	21	23
23.	Virginia Tech (5-3)	0.1559	23	24	20
24.	Oklahoma (5-3)	0.1494	19	20	28
25.	South Florida (6-2)	0.0786	26	26	24

NOTE: The BCS Average is calculated by averaging the percent totals of the Harris Interactive, USA Today Coaches and Computer polls.

SOURCE: Bowl Championship Series

AP

an at-large bid, is 22nd.

Florida holds the top spot and is ranked first in both polls used by the BCS — the Harris and coaches' polls. The Gators are also tops among the compilation of six computer ratings used by the BCS.

Texas is No. 2 in both polls and tied with Alabama for third in the computer ratings. The Crimson Tide is third in both polls.

Iowa is ranked second by the computers, but is only seventh in the Harris poll and sixth in the coaches' poll.

Sports briefs

Bankruptcy judge approves sale of Coyotes to NHL

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — A federal bankruptcy judge gave his approval to the sale of the Phoenix Coyotes to the NHL on Monday.

Judge Redfield T. Baum agreed to sign the sale order after attorneys made minor modifications to the deal.

None of the changes significantly altered the NHL's agreement to pay about \$140 million to buy the team from owner Jerry Moyes.

The only party which didn't join in the agreement was former coach Wayne Gretzky, who owned a small portion of the team. However, Gretzky did not file a formal objection with the court.

The sale ends nearly six months of an often-bitter court battle pitting the NHL against Moyes and Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie.

Moyes, founder of Swift Transportation, took the team into Chapter 11 bankruptcy on May 5, with a plan to sell the team to Balsillie, contingent on moving the franchise to Hamilton, Ontario. The move took the NHL by surprise and the league vowed to fight it to the end, accusing the owner and the Canadian of trying to circumvent the NHL's rules for who owns a team and where it plays.

In other NHL news:

■ Alex Ovechkin's upper-body injury doesn't seem serious, although he appears likely to miss at least one game.

Washington Capitals coach Bruce Boudreau indicated Monday that Ovechkin could miss Wednesday's game at New Jersey but could return for the home-and-home against Florida on Friday and Saturday.

Florida's Spikes suspended for first half of next game

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida coach Urban Meyer suspended Brandon Spikes for the first half of Saturday's game against Vanderbilt after the star linebacker attempted to gouge the eyes of Georgia's Washawn Ealey.

Meyer said Spikes was retaliating after getting his eye poked earlier in Saturday's game.

Spikes is fourth on the team with 42 tackles and has three sacks.

In other college football news:

■ Syracuse wide receiver Mike Williams has quit the team.

Williams, one of the top receivers in the country, told coach Doug Marrone on Monday morning of his decision.

Williams ranks sixth nationally with 106.57 receiving yards per game.

■ Tony Pike is expected to

practice this week with fourth-ranked Cincinnati. Coach Brian Kelly wants to see what the injured quarterback can do before deciding his status.

Pike missed the past two games after having a damaged plate in his non-passing arm replaced. Sophomore Zach Collaros has led the Bearcats (7-0) to victories over Louisville and Syracuse, throwing seven touchdown passes.

■ Iowa State quarterback Austin Arnaud said Monday he'll be back in the lineup Saturday when the Cyclones face 18th-ranked Oklahoma State.

Arnaud has missed the past two games with a bruised throwing hand. But Arnaud said he's able to grip the ball better now and get the velocity he needs on his passes.

NFL commissioner to seek change in labor law

WASHINGTON — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell plans to ask Congress for legislation that would protect collective bargaining agreements from state law challenges, like the one that led to blocking of the suspensions of two players who used banned substances.

Goodell will ask for an amendment to the Labor Management Relations Act during a congressional hearing on Tuesday. His

testimony was obtained by The Associated Press.

The NFL had attempted to suspend two Minnesota Vikings players, Kevin Williams and Pat Williams, for violating its anti-doping rules. But last month a federal appeals court essentially allowed them to continue playing while the players' lawsuit is in Minnesota court.

Goodell said that "called into question" the viability of the NFL's and other sports league's steroid rules.

In other NFL news:

■ Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers came out of Sunday's loss to the Minnesota Vikings with a sprain on one foot and sprained toe on the other.

Packers coach Mike McCarthy said Monday that Rodgers could miss time in practice this week but is expected to play Sunday at Tampa Bay without hurting his mobility.

Bobcats' Bell to play after postponing surgery

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Charlotte Bobcats guard Raja Bell planned to start against New Jersey on Monday as he tries to play with a partially torn ligament in his left wrist.

Coach Larry Brown said Bell would make his season debut

against the Nets even though he hasn't gone through a full contact practice. Bell last week decided to put off surgery that would sideline him up to four months and see if he could get through the season.

In other NBA news:

■ Bucks guard Michael Redd is out for at least two weeks after straining a tendon in his left knee during Milwaukee's home opener.

Redd tore two ligaments in the same knee on Jan. 24 and missed the rest of last season, but said he felt healthy and stronger than ever coming into training camp.

■ Dallas Mavericks assistant coach and former player Popeye Jones is free on bond after his arrest for allegedly driving drunk.

Police in the northern Dallas suburb of Richardson said motorists reported a sport-utility vehicle being driven erratically about 9:30 p.m. Sunday. When officers found it, the SUV had stopped with Jones at the wheel.

Spokesman Jonathan Wakefield said Jones declined a breath test, but officers observed that he appeared to be intoxicated.

■ Rajon Rondo said Monday he agreed to a five-year contract extension with the Boston Celtics.

The deal has yet to be signed but the Celtics point guard said that was just a "formality."

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A real steal



The New York Yankees' Johnny Damon rounds second and heads to third as the Philadelphia Phillies' Pedro Feliz chases during the ninth inning Sunday in Philadelphia. Damon stole second and third to help the Yankees win 7-4 and take a 3-1 lead in the Series.

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Damon's big dash, A-Rod's big hit put Phillies in 3-1 hole

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PHILADELPHIA — Johnny Damon slid into second base, saw third was uncovered and swiped that, too. All on a single pitch.

The Philadelphia Phillies never recovered.

Damon's daring dash at Citizens Bank Park will be remembered for a long time. He scored the tiebreaking run on Alex Rodriguez's ninth-inning double off Brad Lidge, and the New York Yankees moved within a victory of their 27th World Series title with an unusual 7-4 victory over Philadelphia on Sunday night.

Yup, they definitely stole this one.

"It just worked out that way," Damon said. "There was a throw, the third baseman covered, and the pitcher did not."

Philadelphia tried to be shifty, and it backfired when Damon took advantage.

Still smarting after getting plunked, Ro-

driguez struck back with his bat. He took the swing of a lifetime.

"There's no question — I've never had a bigger hit," Rodriguez said.

Only 27 outs from that elusive 27th title, the Yankees will try to close out the defending champions Monday night when A.J. Burnett faces October ace Cliff Lee.

Rodriguez applauded his own stroke of fortune, for good reason. The three-time AL MVP had waited his whole career for this chance, and put all his prominent playoff failures behind with a solid shot that echoed around Citizens Bank Park.

"He's the reason why we're sitting here and we're in Philadelphia right now," Damon said. "I felt like without him, who knows where our road may have stopped at?"

Rodriguez was drilled by two pitches in Game 3, including one that left a bruise on his thigh. Then he was nailed in the back

by Joe Blanton's fastball in the first inning, prompting plate umpire Mike Everitt to warn both teams.

Of the 42 teams to take a 3-1 lead in the World Series, 36 went on to win it. The last club to overcome such a deficit was Kansas City in 1985.

Pedro Feliz had tied the score with an eighth-inning homer off Joba Chamberlain, and Damon came to the plate with two outs and none on in the ninth.

In the ninth, the Phils brought in Lidge — a playoff star last year who had struggled all season before regaining his touch in October.

But November was not so kind.

Lidge had been the lone closer in the playoffs who hadn't allowed a run until the Yankees tagged him.

Ball one, three fouls, two more balls and a full count. Another foul, then another. Lidge was consistently clocked in the low

90s on the radar gun and Damon was struggling to keep up.

"I kept sitting slider, and he kept throwing the fastball. They really don't teach you to do it that way," Damon said. "But I felt like his slider made me look silly on a couple pitches, so I kept sitting slider and just reacted to the fastball."

Some reaction.

Damon sliced the ninth pitch of the sequence into left field — but the really hard work was just beginning.

Philadelphia went into a shift with Mark Teixeira at the plate, moving third baseman Pedro Feliz to the shortstop position, sliding shortstop Jimmy Rollins to the right side of second base and putting second baseman Chase Utley on the right-field grass, about 20 feet off the foul line.

Damon broke for second, and Feliz took a step in front of the base and slightly to the

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